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PREFATORY NOTE.

The Rev. Timothy Walker, author of the following diaries, was the first minister of Pennycook, now Concord, N. H., and from the organization of its church to his death, a period of fifty-two years, its only one.

He was born in Woburn, Mass., on the 27th day of July, 1705, was graduated at Harvard College in 1725, and settled at Pennycook on the 18th day of November, 1730. This was his first and only settlement. As did his neighbors, he went there to stay, and at once identifying himself with all their interests, he devoted to these the energies of his entire life. He possessed good mental abilities, a good education, strong common sense, and marked wisdom. He was not only their spiritual advisor, but their legal and temporal counsellor as well.

His modest salary,\* insufficient for his support, was supplemented by the income of the parsonage lands and the farm which was given by the proprietors of the township to their first settled minister. He thus became a farmer as well as minister, and, through this relation, was brought into more intimate sympathy with his people than he might otherwise have been.

His pacific feelings and good sense contributed to the maintenance of friendly relations with the neighboring Indians, liable at any time to be provoked to acts of violence by imaginary grievances or the wiley counsels of the French.

But, pacific as was his disposition, he held firmly to the sacred right of self-defence. When, therefore, some twenty years after his settlement at Pennycook, a company having little existence but upon paper laid claim to the fair town which his people had wrested from the wilderness, he personally championed their cause, and, in the prosecution of

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\* £100 per annum, equal to \$130.67 in silver.

appeals from the decisions of the New Hampshire courts, made no less than three voyages to England in their behalf, where he finally obtained, from the King in Council, the redress denied them at home. This struggle lasted about thirteen years.

All through the Revolutionary war he was an ardent patriot. He lived to rejoice at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, to see the establishment of independence, and the substantial close of the war. He died September 1, 1782.

For a large portion of his life Mr. Walker kept brief diaries of current events. It is to be regretted that most of these have perished. Three, however, have been preserved entire, and fragments of six others. They afford vivid pictures of New Hampshire life on the Indian frontier while the question of English or French supremacy on this continent was being decided and while the inestimable privileges of American independence were being achieved.

J. B. W.

Concord, March 1, 1889.

## DIARY OF REV. TIMOTHY WALKER.

1746.

Woodwell's Garrison was taken April 22.<sup>1</sup>

Thomas Cook & als. killed May<sup>e</sup> 9.<sup>2</sup>

Richard Blanchard scalped June 11.<sup>3</sup>

Bishop was captivated June 25.

Jon<sup>a</sup> Bradley & als. killed Aug: 11.<sup>4</sup>

Easterbrook killed Nov<sup>r</sup> 10.<sup>5</sup>

Killed, 8. Captivated, 12. Died of his wounds, 1.

1. Woodwell's garrison was in Hopkinton, a short distance from Contoocookville, near the point where the road to Tyler's Bridge branches from the main road.

2. A Boscawen man, killed on Clay Hill just above the Plain.

3. A Canterbury man.

4. Jonathan Bradley of Exeter, Samuel Bradley and Obadiah Peters of Concord, John Lufkin of Kingston, and John Beau of Brentwood, who were massacred on the road to Hopkinton, about a mile from Concord. A granite obelisk now marks the locality and commemorates the event.

5. He was a Hopkinton man, and was shot by an Indian near the watering trough at the foot of Run Hill.

## JANUARY.

1. D. Very cold. Remained at Woburn.
2. D. At night went and lodged at Brother Walkers.<sup>6</sup>
3. D. Sat out homeward. Lodged at Mr. Flaggs.<sup>7</sup>
4. D. Arrived home.
5. D. Preached all day at home.
6. D. Visited over y<sup>e</sup> River.
7. D. Moderate weather.
8. D. Ditto.
9. D. Snowed and then turned to rain. Visited with Mr. Stevens over y<sup>e</sup> River.
10. D. Cleared up very cold. Capt. Goffe dined at our house.<sup>8</sup>
11. D. A very cold morning. Went up to Con-toocook.
12. D. Preached all day there. Mr. Page preached here. Returned home at night.
13. D. Visited Capt. Eastman<sup>9</sup> just returned from Boston with news of y<sup>e</sup> Pretender's success in Scotland.<sup>10</sup>
15. D. Capt. Eastman and wife dined at our house. Remainder of y<sup>e</sup> week tarried at home. This week has been very warm.
19. D. Preached all day at home.

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6. Samuel Walker, of Woburn, Mass.

7. Rev. Ebenezer Flagg, a classmate of Mr. Walker and for sixty years the pastor of the church in Chester.

8. Afterwards known as Col. John Goffe, a prominent citizen of Amherst.

9. Capt. Ebenezer Eastman, one of the most enterprising citizens of Concord.

10. Charles Edward, son of James Francis Edward Stuart, grandson of James 2d and claimant of the British throne. The success mentioned above was, probably, the defeat of the English army at Preston Pans, September 21, 1745, and the capture of Carlisle, Nov. 26th of the same year.

- 20, D. Visited Mr. A. Whittemore being sick of fever.<sup>11</sup>
- 22, D. Visited at Deacon Merrill's.<sup>12</sup>
- 25, D. A warm snow. This week; also has been very warm.
- 26, D. Preached all day at home. Cleared up very blustering. Y<sup>e</sup> new snow being about mid leg deep drifted very much.
- 27, D. Warm again.
- 28, D. Warm. Began to hail Fort Timber.<sup>13</sup>
- 27 D. Moderate y<sup>e</sup> rest of this Week.

N : B: 3<sup>d</sup> day pd. Mr. Philips all y<sup>t</sup> I owed him except 0—13—4. and Wm. Pudney's order of 3—00—00. Sum Total—or what I owe him is 3—13—4.

## FEBRUARY.

- 1, D. A. M. Snowed. Mr. Stevens<sup>14</sup> came and lodged at our house.
- 2, D. He preached here and baptized Abraham, y<sup>e</sup> son of Ab<sup>m</sup> Colby; Eben<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> son of Sampson Colby, and Abigail y<sup>e</sup> daughter of James Abbot Junior. I Preached at Contoocook.
- 3, D. At night it hail a great deal.
- 4, D. Visited at Mr. Lovejoys<sup>14½</sup>. Y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> week very warm.

11. Rev. Aaron Whittemore, first minister of Pembroke, ordained March 12, 1737.

12. John Merrill, the first deacon of the Concord church, against whom the first suit for ejectment was brought in the celebrated Bow controversy.

13. This timber was for the garrison built around Mr. Walker's house this year.

14. Rev. Phineas Stevens, first Pastor of the Boscawen church, ordained Oct. 8, 1740.

14½. Probably Capt. Henry Lovejoy, who had a grist mill at West Concord, and afterwards a forge used in the manufacture of bar iron.

- 8, D. It seemed to thicken up for a storm of rain but cleared away again.
- 9, D. Preached all day at home, and baptized Isaac y<sup>e</sup> son of Benj<sup>n</sup> Abbot and Sarah y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Joseph Pudney.
- 10, D. Eben Hall came to live with me. We sledded wood.
- 11, D. Ditto.
- 12, D. At night Col. Rolfe<sup>15</sup> returned from Newbury. It was a cold night for this moderate winter.
- 13, D. Col. Rolfe dined at our house.
- 14, D. Warm again. Snowed a little.
- 15, D. Ditto.
- 16, D. Preached all day at home.
- 17, D. Fair weather. Received a letter from Woburn.
- 19, D. Visited with Col. Rolfe over y<sup>e</sup> River. At night he lodged at our house.  
N. B. From the 8 instant to y<sup>e</sup> 20 inclusive got home about 30 loads of wood for my years stock.
- 21, D. A very cold, blustering day.
- 22, D. Y<sup>e</sup> weather moderated. Looked like rain but turned to a spitting snow.
- 23, D. Preached all day at home, and baptized Ezekiel y<sup>e</sup> son of Tim. Walker Junior.
- 24, D. Extraordinary cold for y<sup>e</sup> season. Visited at Col. Rolfe's. Pd. Mr. Simonds for my barrel of cyder.
- 25, D. Cold. Carried my wife up to Mr. Lovejoy's a visiting.<sup>15½</sup>

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15. Col. Benjamin Rolfe, the largest landholder of Concord, and one of its most prominent citizens. He subsequently married one of Mr. Walker's daughters.

15½. Neighbourhood visiting was vigorously pursued in olden times. Mothers frequently carried their infants to tea parties, and

- 26, D. Received y<sup>e</sup> news of y<sup>e</sup> King of Prussia having made peace with y<sup>e</sup> Queen of Hungary.<sup>16</sup>  
Y<sup>e</sup> rest of the week cold whilst y<sup>e</sup> Saturday and then y<sup>e</sup> weather moderated.

## MARCH.

- 2, Day Preached all day at home.  
3, " Capt. Goffe was at our house.  
4, " Carried my wife a visiting down to Col. Rolfe's. Wind still strong at North West for a fortnight.  
5 " Weather moderated. Visited with my wife at Uncle Walker's. Married Jacob Shute and Abigail Evans. Now warm. Spring-like weather.  
6 " Fetched a load of rails from Tim.——  
7 " Sledged dung overto y<sup>e</sup> Island.  
8 " Hauled off my logs from my plowed land.  
9 " Preached at Contoocook. Mr. Stevens preached for me and baptized Peter y<sup>e</sup> son of Nath<sup>l</sup> Rix. A North East storm which lasted 3 or 4 days.  
11 " Measured (?) Jos. Pudney's hay.  
13 " A general Fast. Preached all day.  
14 " A warm, pleasant day.  
15 " A N: East storm. Very uncomfortable weather.  
16 " Y<sup>e</sup> storm continued. Very miry going. Preached all day at home.

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when putting on their wraps to return home, they laid them for a moment somewhat promiscuously upon the bed. This practice sometimes led to inadvertent changes, a matter of little consequence, Judge Walker used to remark, as the mistake could always be righted at the next meeting, sure to come a few days after.

16. Frederick the Great and Maria Theresa.

- 20 Day    Went over y<sup>e</sup> River upon y<sup>e</sup> ice. It grew very rotten. Capt. Stevens<sup>17</sup> came up and lodged at our house.
- 21    "    I settled accts. with him for boarding soldiers to y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb. past. N. B. Y<sup>e</sup> week past has been cold for y<sup>e</sup> season.
- 22    "    Preached all day at home.
- 23    "    Y<sup>e</sup> weather moderated.
- 24    "    Wife in company with her brother, James Burbeen.<sup>17½</sup> sat out for Woburn. Crossed y<sup>e</sup> Ferry upon y<sup>e</sup> ice which was very weak.
- 25    "    Went over the river.
- 26    "    Haled in some logs into Capt. Eastman's mill. N. B. 25 D. Began to hew timber for my East Buttery [?]
- 28    "    Capt. Stevens sat out home.
- 29    "    Moderate weather. Capt. Stevens returned to execute some new orders.
- 30    "    Preached at Suncook. Mr. Whittemore preached here and baptized Sarah y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Nathan Stevens.

## APRIL.

- 1 Day    Cut thro y<sup>e</sup> ice and crossed Horse Pond with a canoe.
- 2    "    Began to cross plow at y<sup>e</sup> Island.<sup>18</sup>
- 3 Day    Ditto.

17. Probably Capt. Phineas Stevens, a celebrated Indian fighter and one of the first settlers of Charlestown.

17½. The grandson of John Burbeen, of Woburn, Mass., who was a Scotchman and the first Anglo-American ancestor of the family of that name. This name, as a surname, is now supposed to be extinct in this country.

18. Horse-Shoe Island, which constituted a part of Mr. Walker's farm.

- 4 Day. Was beat off by y<sup>e</sup> rains w<sup>h</sup> come in pretty great plenty.
- 5 " Y<sup>e</sup> freshet rose considerably; cold, windy.
- 6 " Preached all day at home. Administered y<sup>e</sup> Sacrament. Baptized Nath<sup>l</sup>, y<sup>e</sup> son of Judah Trumball.
- 7 " Snowed some.
- 8 " More moderate.
- 9 " Went to Contoocook with Col. Rolfe.
- 10 " Burnt my lower pasture.
- 11 " Showery. Col. Rolfe sat out for Newbury.
- 12 " Very warm. Began to plow over y<sup>e</sup> River.
- 13 " Showery. Preached all day at home. Baptized Miriam y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Lieutenant Jere. Stickney. At night rained hard.
- 14 " Sowed my barley.
- 15 & 16 Day Dripping weather.
- 17 Day Carried my Team over y<sup>e</sup> River to plow my land there.
- 18 & 19 Day Tarried at home. The Floods, notwithstanding y<sup>e</sup> many threatenings were not great this year as yet.
- 20 " Preach all day at home, and baptized Jeremiah y<sup>e</sup> son of Stephen Farrington.
- 22 " Y<sup>e</sup> Indians took Woodwell's Garrison.
- 23 " Sat out to meet my wife. Lodged at Mr. Moore's.
- 24 " Met Col. Rolfe. P. M. Went to Wilmington.
- 25 " Went to Boston to carry news of y<sup>e</sup> Indian mischief.
- 26 " Return to Woburn.
- 27 " Kept Sabbath there.
- 28 " Sold my place there. P. M. Went to Litchfield.



- 29 Day. Returned home.  
 30 " Tarried at home.

N: B: Y<sup>e</sup> 6th day admitted Nath<sup>l</sup> Abbot and wife y<sup>e</sup> full communion.

## MAY.

2. Day Visited over y<sup>e</sup> River.<sup>18½</sup>  
 3 " Tarried at home.  
 4 " Preached all day at home. Jos. Eastman, Tertius, owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant. In the night we had tidings of mischief being done about sunset at Contoocook by y<sup>e</sup> Indians. Thomas Cook & als. killed.  
 5 " Col. Rolfe sat out to Boston.  
 7 " A considerable Frost.  
 7 & 8 Day Planted my corn.  
 9 Day Went up to Rattlesnake for stone.  
 10 " My Pasture fence built up.  
 11 " Preached all day and administered the Sacrament.  
 10 " Turned y<sup>e</sup> cows into my pasture.  
 12 " Got hands and mended my pasture fence.  
 13 " Col Blanchard and als. came up.  
 14 " They dined here.  
 15 " Returned to Suncook.  
 16 " Very warm.  
 17 " Nath<sup>l</sup> Rolfe returned from Newbury.  
 18 " Preached all day at home.  
 19 " Mrs. Rolfe sat out for Newbury.  
 22 " Married William Pudney and Hannah Bryar.  
 23&24 " Joseph Pudney & als. built their chimneys.  
 25 " Preached all day at home.

- 26 Day Dined at Col. Rolfe's.  
 27 " At night Col. Rolfe came and lodged at our house.  
 28 " Election. Joseph Pudney and Ob<sup>h</sup> Foster moved into y<sup>e</sup> houses.<sup>19</sup>  
 29 " Sold my colt to Mr. Leonard Harriman.  
 30 " Mr. Nath<sup>l</sup> Rolfe sat out for Newbury.  
 31 " Very warm.

N. B. The fore part of y<sup>e</sup> last week of May was a very cold season.

## JUNE.

- 1 Day. Preached all day at home. Baptized Sam<sup>l</sup> y<sup>e</sup> son of Wm. Curry.  
 2 " Capt. Melvin<sup>19½</sup> came up and brought news of an expedition to Canada.<sup>20</sup>  
 3 " Breakfasted at Col. Rolfe's.  
 4 " He sat out for Boston.  
 5 " Visited over y<sup>e</sup> River.  
 6 " Warm.  
 7 " Mr. Stevens returned from Andover.  
 8 " Preached all day. Baptized David y<sup>e</sup> son of Jos: Eastman y<sup>e</sup> 3d. Administered y<sup>e</sup> Sacrament.  
 9 " Went over y<sup>e</sup> River.

19. Small houses erected within the walls of Mr. Walker's garrison. The families assigned to this fortification, May 15, 1746, by the committee appointed by Gov. Benning Wentworth, "for settling the garrisons in the frontier towns and plantations" of New Hampshire, were those of Capt. John Chandler, Abraham Bradley, Samuel Bradley, John Webster, Nathaniel Rolfe, Joseph Pudney, Isaac Walker, Jr., and Obadiah Foster.

19½. Capt. Eleazer Melvin, of Concord, Mass., a survivor of the battle at Pigwacket and a soldier in King George's war.

20 The expedition was supported by the several colonies as far south as Virginia. The New Hampshire House of Representatives assembled on the third day of June and decided a day or two after to coöperate with their sister colonies in the enterprise.

- 10 Day Soaking rain. Sat out about 200 cabbage plants.
- 11 " Cleared up. Benj<sup>n</sup> Blanchard, of Canterbury, was scalped by y<sup>e</sup> indians.
- 12 " Our Town was universally alarmed by y<sup>e</sup> hearing some guns discharged in y<sup>e</sup> woods. At night Col. Rolfe returned from Boston.
- 13 " Teams arrived home.
- 14 " Extreme hot.
- 15 " Turned up cool. Preached all day at home.
- 16 " Moulded<sup>21</sup> my Island Corn.
- 17 " We heard abundance of great guns at Portsmouth at night. Married Eben Hall to Dorcas Abbot.
- 19 " Capt. Stevens came up.
- 20 " A most plentiful rain after a sore drought.
- 21 " Cleared up.
- 22 " Preached all day at home. Baptized Isaac y<sup>e</sup> son of Isaac Waldron.
- 23 " Built y<sup>e</sup> Tailor's chimney.<sup>22</sup>
- 24 " Wm. Stickney brought up my new gun,<sup>23</sup> and my mare from Andover.
- 25 " Visited over y<sup>e</sup> River.
- 27 " Showery. Carried my wife down to Uncle Walker's.
- 28 " Showery. N. B. 25 D.—Bishop was captivated by y<sup>e</sup> Indians.

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21. "Moulded" was synonymous with "half-hilled." The three successive hoeings of a corn crop were denominated weeding, moulding and hilling.

22. Isaac Walker, familiarly called Tailor Walker, from his occupation. He had a temporary dwelling within the inclosure of Mr. Walker's garrison.

23. Tradition says that Mr. Walker had the best gun in the parish and that, during times of danger, when his people went to meeting, this stood beside him in the pulpit while he conducted the services.

- 29 Day Preached at home. Baptized Jemima y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Edward Abbot, and Mehitabel y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Amos Eastman.
- 30 " An alarm over y<sup>e</sup> River on account of Indians being seen.

## JULY.

- 1 Day. News from Newbury of Admiral Warren's<sup>25</sup> arrival. Dorcas Hall saw an Indian at night. George Hall lay abroad and saw six Indians.<sup>26</sup>
- 4 " Thomas Eastman arrived home from Cape Breton.
- 5 " Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Stickney's child.
- 6 " Preached all day at home.
- 7 " Some small showers. Visited over y<sup>e</sup> River.
- 8 " Extreme hot.
- 9 " Ditto. Capt. Eastman returned from Cape Breton.
- 10 " A publick fast to implore y<sup>e</sup> divine blessing upon y<sup>e</sup> Canada expedition.<sup>27</sup> Preached all day at home,
- 11 " Visited over y<sup>e</sup> River. Very hot.
- 12 " Showering in some places.
- 13 " Preached all day at home.
- 14 " Tarried at home.
- 15 " In company with Capt. Eastman and others sat out for Woburn. Lodged at Capt. Copp's.

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25. Sir Peter Warren, commodore of the British squadron, engaged at the siege of Louisburg, in 1745.

26. During hostilities between England and France, incursions of Indians were liable to occur at any time and a sharp watch for them was maintained.

27. The plan of this expedition was never executed.

- 16 Day    Went to Woburn.  
 18 "    Went to Boston.    Returned to Woburn  
          at night.  
 20 "    Preached P: M: at Woburn Precinct.  
 22 "    Went to Boston again.  
 23 "    Went to Wilmington.  
 24 "    Lodged at Capt Baldwin's.  
 25 "    Arrived home.  
 27 "    Preached all day at home.    N: B: 24 D.  
          Night rained considerably.  
 30 "    Capt. Eastman and others returned from  
          Boston.

N. B. 24 D. Reckoned with my brother Samuel Walker and for y<sup>e</sup> 300 pounds old Tenour he has of mine he accounted for in the following manner. 100 he let Christopher Temple have. 100 he gave me up my bond and note to him £50 each. for y<sup>e</sup> other hundred he produced my note to Col. Rolfe.

## AUGUST.

- 1 Day.    Went to see Capt. Eastman newly re-  
          returned from Boston who paid me £30  
          upon account of Leonard Harriman.  
 3 "    Rained somewhat.    Preached all day.  
          Baptized Samuel y<sup>e</sup> son of Patrick Gar-  
          vin.  
 4 "    Went to Contoocook and fetched my ox  
          from thence [there?].  
 6 "    Went in y<sup>e</sup> evening to Lovejoy's mill.  
 8 "    A very great shower.  
 9 "    Spread my flax.    Extreme hot.  
 10 "    Preached at home.  
 11 "    Jon<sup>a</sup> Bradley and als. were killed by the  
          Indians.  
 12 "    Joseph Pudney's wife was buried.  
 14 "    A publick Thanksgiving for y<sup>e</sup> suppres-  
          sion of y<sup>e</sup> Scotch Rebellion.

- 15 Day Got up y<sup>e</sup> great boat and began to get over my English corn.
- 16 “ Got over all my English corn.—Andover men came up to guard us.<sup>30</sup>
- 17 “ Preached all day at home.
- 18 “ Mighty foggy weather the most of this week, especially y<sup>e</sup> 3 first working days so y<sup>t</sup> but little business could be done.
- 23 “ I had six hands to mow for me.<sup>31</sup>
- 24 “ Preached all day at home.
- 25 “ Raked my hay.
- 26 “ Carted 4 loads.
- 27 “ Sat out for Andover. Lodged at Capt. Stevens.
- 23 “ Went to Woburn.
- 29 “ Went to Boston.
- 30 “ Put in a petition for help against y<sup>e</sup> indians.
- 31 “ Kept Sabbath at y<sup>e</sup> new meeting house, Woburn.<sup>32</sup>

## SEPTEMBER.

- 1 Day Almost lay still with my boil.
- 2 “ Ditto. Stormy.
- 3 “ Went to Boston to obtain a grant of 20 men.<sup>33</sup>

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30. Massachusetts repeatedly sent small bodies of soldiers to guard the frontiers. New Hampshire did the same, but the people of Concord were not favorites at Portsmouth, and the town was never allowed a representation in the assembly under the Provincial Government.

31. Much of the grass cut on the interval at that time was a wild grass (*Andropogon Virginiensis* and *A. scoparius*) which does not mature until the middle of August. It is of inferior quality as compared with cultivated grasses. The first species sometimes attains a height of over seven feet.

32. The meeting-house of Woburn, Mass., Precinct, now Burlington, erected in 1732.

33. These doubtless were to guard the frontier.

- 4 Day Gov<sup>r</sup>. Shirleys wife was buried. At night returned to Woburn.
- 5&6 “ Tarried there.
- 7 “ Preached half of y<sup>e</sup> day for Mr. Clap.<sup>34</sup>
- 8 “ Went to Andover.
- 9 “ From thence to Dunstable. Lodged at Col. Blanchard's.<sup>35</sup>
- 10 “ Sat out homeward with a company from Billerica.
- 11 “ Arrived home.
- 12&13 D Tarried at home.
- 14 Day Preached all day at home.
- 15 “ A false alarm. Went up to Dresser's for apples.
- 16 “ Capt. Stevens arrived here with news of a French Fleet.<sup>35½</sup>
- 17 “ Showery.
- 18 “ Went out into the woods a scouting.<sup>36</sup>
- 19 “ My brother and y<sup>e</sup> Billerica men sat out homeward.
- 20 “ Tarried at home. N : B : 14 D. Baptized Eleanor y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Eben<sup>r</sup> Eastman Junior and Sarah y<sup>e</sup> daughter of James Peters. At night visited some sick children and baptized Edward y<sup>e</sup> son of Joseph Ordway.
- 21 “ Preached all day at home.
- 22 “ Y<sup>e</sup> news of a French invasion revived.
- 23 “ Went out with Capt. Stevens to Hales Town.<sup>38</sup>

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34. Rev. Supply Clapp, first pastor of Woburn Precinct Church.

35. Col. Joseph Blanchard was an able officer in the French and Indian wars.

35½. This fleet caused great alarm but did no harm. It was on the northern coast but a short time. A part of the vessels were wrecked and the rest returned to France.

36. Like other able bodied men he took his turn at scouting.

38. Incorporated in 1764, as Weare.

- 24 Day Returned home.  
 25 " Carted my Island corn.  
 26 " Tarried at home.  
 27 " Ditto.  
 28 " Preached all day at home. Baptized Peter  
       y<sup>e</sup> son of George, Mr. Osgood's servant.<sup>39</sup>  
 30 " Visited over y<sup>e</sup> River with Capt. Stevens.

N: B: Capt Stevens came to board here y<sup>e</sup> 17 D.

## OCTOBER.

- 1 to 4 Day The remainder of this week gathered my  
       Hales Point Corn.  
 5 Day Preached all day. Administered the Sac-  
       rament. Baptized Step<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> son of Step<sup>n</sup>  
       Hoit.  
 6 " Tarried at home.  
 7 " Visited over y<sup>e</sup> River.  
 8 " Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of y<sup>e</sup> child of Jam<sup>s</sup>  
       Peters.  
 10 " A storm.  
 11 " Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of Deacon George  
       Abbot's<sup>40</sup> child.  
 12 " Preached all day at home.  
 13 " Picked up stones at Rattlesnake Hill.  
 14 " Snowed.  
 15 " Capt. Stevens and Judith went away.  
 16 " Visited over y<sup>e</sup> River.  
 18 " There fell snow 6 inches deep.  
 19 " Preached all day at home.  
 20 " Burt came here as a soldier. Visited over  
       y<sup>e</sup> River. The snow began to run  
       away.

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39. Slavery existed in New Hampshire under British rule, and was never abolished by the Legislature. There were 158 slaves in the state in 1790.

40. The fourth deacon of the Rumford church.



- 21 Day Very warm, pleasant weather for y<sup>e</sup> season, and so remained y<sup>e</sup> most of this week. The snow all went away.
- 25 “ Sent John with my team for a load of candlewood.<sup>41</sup>
- 26 “ Preached all day at home. Baptized Ephraim y<sup>e</sup> Son of Dr. Carter.<sup>42</sup>
- 27 “ Turned my cattle over to y<sup>e</sup> Middle Interval. N: B: Last night killed a cow. Weighed 11b75 per quarter. Hide weighed 43lb.
- 29 “ Jos. Farnum helped me burn up logs upon y<sup>e</sup> Island. A——is out for never was a—— night of finer weather at this time of year than y<sup>e</sup> last of this month.

## NOVEMBER.

- 1 Day Began to cross plow. Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of Joseph Hall's daughter.
- 2 “ Preached all day at home. Administered y<sup>e</sup> Sacrament. Baptized Stephen y<sup>e</sup> son of George Abbot.
- 3 “ Sat out for Woburn in company with Mr. Abra<sup>m</sup> Bradley. Lodg<sup>d</sup> at Mr. Richard's.
- 4 “ Pd Mr. Richards [?] for 2 bushels Salt. Went to Woburn and tarried in town y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> week. Generally very cold. I preached at y<sup>e</sup> 3d Parish in Woburn.<sup>43</sup>
- 10 “ Received of Abra<sup>m</sup> Bradshaw £300 old ten<sup>r</sup>. of w<sup>c</sup> see vacant page of this Almanack. 10 y<sup>e</sup> Indians killed——Esterbrook.

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41. A splinter of pitch wood was often used instead of a candle. Hence the name.

42. Dr. Ezra Carter, the first regular physician in Concord.

43. This parish was composed of seceders from the first parish, and had but a temporary existence.

- 11 Day At night lodged at Brother Walker's.<sup>44</sup>  
 12 " Lodged at Brother Wyman's.<sup>45</sup>  
 13 " Lodged at Capt. Mitchell's.  
 14 " Arrived home with Judith Wyman.  
 15 " Began a long storm.  
 16 " Preached all day at home. Baptized  
 Abner y<sup>e</sup> son of Jos. Farnham. Con-  
 tinued stormy.  
 17 " Visited at Capt. Eastman's.  
 18 " Began to snow at night. Snowed consid-  
 erably.  
 20 " Our soldiers were dismissed.<sup>46</sup>  
 21 & 22 Day Moderate weather. 22 D. Some of  
 Capt Goffe's<sup>47</sup> men arrived at Pen-  
 nicook.  
 23 Day Preached all day at home.  
 24 " Esq<sup>r</sup> Little arrived here from Haverhill.  
 27 " Thanksgiving. Preached all day at home.  
 28 " Capt. Goffe's men went away, and carried  
 5 days provisions.  
 30 " Preached all day at home. Baptized  
 Henry y<sup>e</sup> son of Henry Lovejoy.

## DECEMBER.

- 1 Day Heard y<sup>e</sup> news of a cessation of hostil-  
 ities.<sup>48</sup>  
 2 " Visited over y<sup>e</sup> River with my wife.  
 3 " Killed my hogs.  
 5 " Bought 3 sheep of Lieut. Stickney.  
 6 " Very warm it has been in general this  
 fall.

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44. Samuel Walker, of Wilmington, Mass.

45. His brother-in-law, Capt. Jesse Wyman, of Woburn, Mass.

46. Soldiers who had been stationed at Concord to guard the frontier.

47. Afterwards Col. John Goffe.

48. Settled peace was not secured until Oct. 18, 1748, by the treaty of Aix La Chapelle.

- 7 Day    Preached all day at home.  
 8 "      Visited Col. Rolfe being sick.  
 9 "      Went into y<sup>e</sup> woods. Lodged there.<sup>49</sup>  
 10 "     Snowed somewhat and then turned to rain.  
           We had a very ——— time.  
 12 "     Y<sup>e</sup> coldest this winter.  
 13 "     Continued very cold.  
 14 "     Preached all day at home.  
 15 "     Went to mill with a hand sled.<sup>50</sup>  
 16 "     Y<sup>e</sup> weather somewhat moderate.  
 18 "     Y<sup>e</sup> cold y<sup>e</sup> renewed y<sup>e</sup> signs of thaw. Foul  
           weather all turns to cold. So ends y<sup>e</sup>  
           week.  
 19 "     At night Edward Wyman Junior arrived  
           here.  
 21 "     Preached all day at home.  
 22 "     Bought two deer skins for brother Wyman.  
 23 "     Very windy. A cold week.  
 27 "     Y<sup>e</sup> cold somewhat abated. Snowed a little.  
 28 "     Preached all day at home. Baptized Abi-  
           gail y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Deacon Morrill and  
           Dorothy y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Lieut. Nath<sup>l</sup>  
           Abbot.  
 30 "     Haled logs off my plow land.  
 31 "     Went to Canterbury. Bought a negro  
           wench of Capt. Clough.<sup>51</sup> for w<sup>c</sup> I am  
           to give him £140. Received of Jere  
           Bradley £—17—00—00. Evil com-  
           munications corrupt good manners.

1747.

## JANUARY.

- 1 Day    Gave Capt. Clough note for my Negro to  
           be paid y<sup>e</sup> first day of June next.

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49. At the mast camp.

50. To the mill at West Concord.

51. Captain Clough of Canterbury.

- 2 Day It snowed hard.  
 3 " Very cold.  
 4 " Preached all day at home. Very cold  
 and snowed.

[On a separate page of Mr. Walker's diary for 1746, is recorded the following account of boarding soldiers sent to help guard the town, viz:]

My account of boarding soldiers since Feb. 25th, 1745-6.

Feb. 25. Trull went home and carried two days provisions with him.

March y<sup>e</sup> 1st, P: M: he returned and Tarried whilst y<sup>e</sup> 8th before dinner and then went away the same day after dinner.

Wyman came and tarried whilst Tuesday the 25th. after dinner and then went home y<sup>e</sup> same day before dinner.

Clerk Roberts came here and in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon we fitted him out with six days provisions for a scout.

24 D. Lodged Whittemore and gave him supper and breakfast.

April y<sup>e</sup> 1. P: M: Pett came here to board and tarried whilst August y<sup>e</sup> 2d.

Sept. 17. Capt Stevens came here and went away Octo. y<sup>e</sup> 15.

Burt came and tarried whilst Nov<sup>r</sup> 20 and then was dismissed.

1748.

October 27. Mr. W. attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of his aged mother-in-law.

1749.

January 7. Ben. Eastman and family moved up here.

March. Pd Sam. Little for making clock case.

May 7. Abigail, second wife of Jacob Shute, ad. full com. She was widow Evans, mother of Jno.

July 2. Sampson Colby and wife ad. full com.

August 29. Bot chair.\*

October 10. Preached to Convention at Dover.

1750.

April 8. Ben. Eastman and wife admitted into y<sup>e</sup> church.

June 24. Sarah Abbot ad. to full com.

October 7. Received Jonathan Straw and wife into our church.

1757.

January 27. Richard Herbert married to Hannah Hall.

October 16. Both owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant.

November 20. Jona. bap.

1764.

#### JANUARY.

Sun. 1st of January. New Year's day. Moderate weather. Preached. Baptized Abigail—of Enoch Webster and Mary—of Jona. Merrill.

Mon. 2. Very cold. Matrimonio conjunxi<sup>1</sup> David Gage and Hannah Osgood.

Tues. 3. Very cold. Mr. Gale mended my chains.

Wed. 4. Y<sup>e</sup> weather moderated. Visited y<sup>e</sup> child of James Clements. It was dead before I arrived.

Thurs. 5. Snowed moderately. Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of James Clement's child. Killed 4 hogs.<sup>2</sup>

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\* A vehicle on two wheels, designed for the accommodation of one person, later known as a "gig." This was the first one brought to Concord.

1. Mr. Walker kept up his knowledge of the classics and was accustomed, occasionally, to fit boys for college.

2. Like all country ministers of his time, Mr. W. obtained a part of his support from his farm. While the weights of his swine killed this year may seem light to a farmer of the present day, they were, doubtless, a fair average of those of an hundred years ago.

Weight of my 1st hog 165 lbs ;

2d   "   195   "

3d   "   292   "

4th  "   227   "

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879   "

Frid. 6.   Cleared up cold.   Sledged logs.

Sat. 7.   Continued cold.

Sun. 8.   Baptiz<sup>d</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> of Benj<sup>a</sup> Emery and Elizabeth of Eben<sup>r</sup> Griffin. In evening visited Col<sup>o</sup>. Rolfe.<sup>1</sup> Heard the good news of an accommodation with y<sup>e</sup> Indians.

Mon. 9.   Y<sup>e</sup> mast team<sup>2</sup> sat out. Cold. My children visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe.

Tues. 10. Continued cold. Sledged logs for my fence.<sup>3</sup> Y<sup>e</sup> coldest night w<sup>h</sup> has been.

Wed. 11. Weather a little moderated. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe. On my return, bought a moose skin of ——— Courser for which I am to pay J<sup>o</sup> Chandler Junior £16-10-00.

Thur. 12. Sledged logs for my fence.

1. Col. Benjamin Rolfe, who graduated at Harvard College in 1727, was one of the early proprietors and most influential citizens of Concord. In 1764, he built the house now occupied by the Rolfe & Rumford Asylum, and soon after married Sarah, the oldest daughter of Mr. Walker. Col. Rolfe died in 1771, and his widow subsequently became the wife of Benjamin Thompson, now known as Count Rumford.

2. The furnishing of masts to the ship builders of the coast towns was, for many years, an important business in Concord. Their transportation to the river bank, whence they were floated to their destination, required very large teams, some of which numbered twenty yoke of oxen. Many were collected and rolled into the Contoocook at a place called the "mast yard." Hence came the name of that locality.

3. Fences were often made of whole logs piled one above another upon short blocks between them, and sometimes of split rails supported by morticed posts. Chestnut was a favorite timber for the latter, on account of its easy rift and durability.

Frid. 13. A fine, moderate day. Maj<sup>r</sup> How of New Ipswich came to advise about settling upon y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>ds</sup>. reserved Land. At night Capt Hudson & Mr. N. Rolfe arrived here.

Sat. 14. Appearance of a thaw. Dined at Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe's in company with Capt. Hudson & Mr. Rolfe.

Sun. 15. A very pleasant day. Preached all day.

Mon. 16. My team sledded fencing stuff. Capt. Hudson and Mr. Rolfe dined at our house.

Tues. 17. Jan. Capt. Hudson took his departure. My team sledded logs. At night Prince<sup>1</sup> with one yoke of oxen went into y<sup>e</sup> mast camp.

Wed. 18. Mr. Webster<sup>2</sup> hauled his great mast at night. Mr. Cotton came & lodged here on his way to Starkstown.<sup>3</sup>

Thurs. 19. Went with Mr. Tim<sup>o</sup> Bradley to find clapboard timber. It thawed very much, then turned cold.

Frid. 20. Moderately cold & clear. At night Prince returned from masting.

Sat. 21. Went to Canterbury in order to change with Mr. Foster.<sup>4</sup> P: M: News came of Reuben Morrill's being killed by the fall of a tree.

Sun. 22. Preached at Canterbury. Mr. Foster preached for me. He baptized Sarah,<sup>5</sup> of Ezekiel Carter. Returned home in y<sup>e</sup> evening.

1. Prince was a slave belonging to Mr. Walker. He was subsequently given his freedom and went to Andover, Mass., and afterwards to Woburn, where he died. The bill of sale given to Mr. W. has been preserved and reads as follows:

"Woburn, July 10, 1751.

For value received, I have this day sold to Mr. Timothy Walker a negro boy, named Prince, which I have owned for some time past.

RUTH HAYWARD."

2. Lieut. John Webster, a famous mast master in his day.

3. Starkstown, now Dunbarton.

4. Rev. Abiel Foster, pastor of the Canterbury church from 1761 to 1779. He was subsequently much in public life and a member of Congress.

5. It seems to have been common for a minister, when preaching

Mon. 23. Dined at Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe's. P. M. Attended y<sup>e</sup> meeting of y<sup>e</sup> inhabitants to choose assessors.<sup>1</sup>

Tues. 24. Snowed about 3 inches deep. Cleared up with a North West wind.

Wed. 25. Capt. McMillen<sup>2</sup> dined here. Visited y<sup>e</sup> child of Stephen Farrington sick of y<sup>e</sup> throat disease.

Thurs. 26. Dined at Capt. McMillen's.

Frid. 27. Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of Stephen Farrington's child.

Sat. 28. A pleasant day. Prince sledded logs for fence. Towards night it turned up cold.

Sun. 29. Preached all day. A very moderate day.

Mon. 30. Lot Colby paid me £24-10-00, in full for 4 barrels of cider. £12-00-00 towards his rate for this year.

Tues. 31. Sent my team & brot 960 long shingles<sup>3</sup> from the mast swamp as far as Tim<sup>o</sup> Bradleys. My team stopped there all night. Signs of rain.

#### FEBRUARY.

Wed. 1st of Feb. My team brot 900 long shingles. Arrived home about 9 o' the clock. Lamed one of my oxen.

on an exchange, to baptize children of the Parish to which he was temporarily ministering.

1. There is a blank in the Concord town records from 1749 to 1767, owing, doubtless, to the want of a town government during the Bow Controversy.

2. Capt. Andrew McMillen came to this country from Ireland, and for many years was a prominent citizen of Concord. He was a soldier in the last French and Indian war and was present at the destruction of the Indian village of St. Francois in 1759. He removed to Conway in 1774.

3. Long shingles were unshaved, riven shingles, about five or six inches wide and six feet long. They were laid upon purloins, without an underboarding, and were lapped upon one another at the ends and sides.



Thurs. 2. Fell about 6 inches of snow, y<sup>n</sup> cleared up moderate.

Frid. 3. Fetched my 900 long shingles from Mr. Tim<sup>o</sup> Bradleys.

Sat. 4. My team brot 63 rails from Jon<sup>a</sup> Chase's. P. M. Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of Dan<sup>l</sup> Flanders' child.

Sun. 5. A fine, moderate day. Preached all day.

Mon. 6. Disordered with a cold. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe.

Tues. 7. Dined with wife at Lieut. Hazeltines. P. M. Began to snow pretty hard.

Wed. 8. Cleared up. Sledded logs. Sent Edward Abbot  $\frac{1}{2}$  Johannes.<sup>1</sup> Sus pep<sup>t</sup>.

Thurs. 9. Mr. Blunt<sup>2</sup> visited me. Sledded logs.

Frid. 10. Prince cleaned about 16 bush<sup>ls</sup> wheat. Lent Mr. Gale 2 dollars Black pep<sup>t</sup>.

Sat. 11. Mr. Gale returned me y<sup>e</sup> 2 borrowed dollars.

Sun. 12. A very warm day. Preached. In y<sup>e</sup> evening visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe.

Mon. 13. Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe gave me a Johannes in y<sup>e</sup> room of that I gave my son by his order so that I have now 3 Johan<sup>s</sup> of his or y<sup>e</sup> Proprietor's money.

Tues. 14. Changed a heifer with Ensign Walker for a steer. Am to give a dollar to boot.

A very great thaw. Capt. Page<sup>3</sup> lodged with me.

Wed. 15. Continued warm. Sold my quarter of y<sup>e</sup> cider mill for 8 days work to Farrington. He paid me £24-00-00 for son &c. and £1-00-00 over. N. B. I drew an order on Ed. Presson, dated Feb. 1, to pay Wm. Moore £244-10-00 which is to come out of said Presson's note.

1. A Portuguese gold coin of the value of about eight dollars. The name was often contracted into *joë*.

2. Probably Rev. John Blunt, minister of New Castle.

3. Capt. Caleb Page, of Dumbarton.

Thurs. 16. Continued warm. Matrimo° conjunxi Nath<sup>1</sup> Merrill and Anna Walker.

Frid. 17. Attended the marriage entertainment at Deacon Merrill's.

Sat. 18. Prince cleared up 23 bush<sup>s</sup> of oats. Capt. Gilman and Mr. Barrett visited me. The week has been so moderate that it has carried away most of y<sup>e</sup> snow. Mr. Scales Junior<sup>1</sup> came to see us.

Sun. 19. Preached. Baptiz<sup>d</sup> Ruth—of Reuben Abbot.

Mon. 20. Snowed a little and then turned to rain.

Tues. 21. Team sledded logs. Matrimon° junxi Nath<sup>1</sup> Hutchins and Mehitable Ordway.

Wed. 22. Capts. Page, Stark and their wives dined with us.

Thur. 23. Dined at Col° Rolfe's, with Page. In y<sup>e</sup> evening Major Rogers<sup>2</sup> arrived.

Frid. 24. Major Rogers dined with us, and Mr. Paul Burbeen<sup>3</sup> arrived.

Sat. 25. Cros<sup>d</sup> Ab<sup>m</sup> Bradley's rates<sup>4</sup> and paid him £8 cash. Am to pay his father £1, which is y<sup>e</sup> whole of his due for making long shingles for my barn.

1. Mr. Stephen Scales, son of Rev. James Scales, minister of Hopkinton.

2. Major Robert Rogers, the celebrated ranger.

3. Paul Burbeen, then of Woburn, Mass., was a nephew of Mr. Walker's wife. He was a soldier in the French war, serving under Capt. Ebenezer Eastman. He graduated at Harvard College in 1743, and was a man of much intelligence. He died at Concord, Mass., about 1795.

4. For many years Mr. Walker collected more or less of his salary. During the time the town had no legal government, its payment was a voluntary act on the part of his parishioners. The barn alluded to above was taken down in 1830.

Sun. 26. Preached. Baptiz<sup>d</sup> Abner———of Jam<sup>s</sup> Clements. In the evening visited Aunt Walker.

Mon. 27. Cleared up cold. Set out for Portsmouth. Lodged at Mr. Butler's,<sup>1</sup> Nottingham.

Tues. 28. Very cold, as any y<sup>e</sup> winter. Went to Dover. Lodged at Capt. Waldron's.<sup>2</sup>

Wed. 29. In company with Mr. Evans<sup>3</sup> went to Portsmouth. In evening visited Col<sup>o</sup> Atkinson,<sup>4</sup> Dr. Jackson<sup>5</sup> &c.

#### MARCH.

Thur. 1st day of March. Visited Mr. Treasurer.<sup>6</sup> Afternoon sat out for Newbury. Rained most of the way.

Frid. 2. Rained. Preached Mr. Lowell's<sup>7</sup> lecture &c.

Sat. 3. Dined with Mr. Farnham. Lodged at Mr. Rolfe's.<sup>8</sup> Very cold.

Sun. 4. A. M. Preach<sup>d</sup> for Mr. Tucker.<sup>9</sup> P. M. for Mr. Lowell.

Mon. 5. Sat out homewards. Lodged at Mr. Coffin's.<sup>10</sup>

1. Rev. James Butler, pastor of the church of Nottingham from 1758 to 1770.

2. Capt. Richard Waldron, the son of Major Richard Waldron, who was killed by the Indians in 1689.

3. Probably Mr. David Evans, of Concord, a soldier of the French war, and present at the destruction of the village of St. Francois.

4. Hon. Theodore Atkinson, Jr., Secretary of the Province.

5. Dr. Clement Jackson, who died Oct. 10, 1788, aged 82.

6. George Jaffrey, Esq.

7. Rev. John Lowell, minister at Newbury from 1726 to 1767.

8. Possibly Henry Rolfe, Esq., of Newbury, a proprietor of Concord, and father of Col. Benjamin Rolfe, of C.

9. Rev. John Tucker, D. D., pastor of the first church in Newbury, Mass.

10. Rev. Peter Coffin, pastor of East Kingston from 1739 to 1772.

Tues. 6. Snowed. Went to Chester. Lodged at Mr. Flagg's.<sup>1</sup>

Wed. 7. Arrived home comi<sup>g</sup> Mr. Josiah Flagg. It cleared up cold. Prince cleaned up 61 bushels Indian corn.

Thur. 8. Visited Aunt Walker, Farrington's child &c. Cleared up some<sup>t</sup>, being cool. Moon passed by y<sup>e</sup> Pleiades &c. Capt. Page's rule failed.

Frid. 9. A number of teams brought me 16 loads of wood,<sup>2</sup> w<sup>h</sup> with what I had before made about 20 loads.

Sat. 10. Grew colder. Prince swungled lbs 11 Flax.<sup>3</sup>

Sun. 11. Weather moderated. Preached. Baptiz<sup>d</sup> Martha — of Capt. McMillen, and Betty — of Moses Merrill. Voted y<sup>e</sup> dismissal of Ab<sup>m</sup> Kimball & wife.

Mon. 13. Attended Town meeting. Concluded to complain to y<sup>e</sup> King<sup>d</sup> &c. Jos<sup>h</sup> Hall and my team sledded 7 loads of maple wood. Continued cold.

1. Rev. Ebenezer Flagg, a classmate of Mr. Walker and pastor of the church in Chester from 1736 to 1793.

2. At this time, in addition to his salary, the New Hampshire minister often had furnished to him a stipulated quantity of wood each year.

3. The raising of flax, no longer pursued in New Hampshire, was very common one hundred years ago. It grew like grain, and, when mature, was subjected to several processes to prepare it for use, viz.: 1st, to Pulling, to detach it from the ground. 2d, to Thrashing, by which the seed was separated from the stems. 3d, to Rotting, which destroyed the adhesion of the fibres to one another. 4th, to Breaking, which detached the woody stalk from its fibrous envelope. 5th, to Swingling, which separated the bark and broken stalks from the flax. 6th, to Hatcheling, by which the various impurities were combed from the flax and its fibres straightened.

4. In relation, probably, to the disturbed condition of the affairs of the township, in consequence of the refusal of the provincial government to grant to its inhabitants an act of incorporation.

Tues. 13. Weather moderated. Wind Southwardly. Began to sled dung. Sledged 9 loads.

Wed. 14. Weather continued moderate. Sledged 8 loads dung.

Thur. 15. Snowed a little A. M. P. M. Cleared up wind<sup>y</sup>. ——— thawed exceedingly. Dined with my children at Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe's. Bot. 4 cwt. of Sugar of Capt. McMillen.

Frid. 16. Prince swingled 12 lbs. flax. Weather continued very moderate.

Sat. 17. A spring like day. Opened my cabbage vault.<sup>1</sup> Paid Tim<sup>o</sup> Bradley 7 dollars on his son Ab<sup>ms</sup>. acct. P. M. The weather turned up cold.

Sun. 18. Preached. Propounded Benj<sup>n</sup> Hanniford's wife for full communion. In y<sup>e</sup> evening visited old Aunt Walker<sup>2</sup> being very bad.

Mon. 19. A pleasant day. My men dressed flax.

Tues. 20. Dined at Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfes.

Wed. 21. Went with Prince to get timber for a cart.

Thur. 22. A pleasant day. Y<sup>e</sup> spring very forward.

Frid. 23. Drew off 13 barrels of cider, besides about two left on y<sup>e</sup> lees. Had a new rum barrel of Mr. Webster towards a barrel of cider he had of me. He also overpaid £5 for a former barrel.

Sat. 24. Breakfasted at Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe's. Saw a team plowing. P. M. Rained somewhat.

Sun. 25. Preached. Wife of Nathan Colby owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant.<sup>3</sup> Baptized Nathan — of Nathan Colby.

1. Potatoes and other vegetables were often kept through the winter in pits, dug in the ground, and covered to a sufficient depth with earth to prevent their freezing.

2. Mrs. Margery Bruce Walker, wife or widow of Isaac Walker, one of the original proprietors of Concord and uncle of Mr. Walker.

3. The half way covenant was in use in the Concord church during Mr. Walker's ministry.

Mon. 26. Prince trimmed my orchard at home.

Tues. 27. Prince trimmed my Island orchard.<sup>1</sup>  
P. M. Visited Mr. Webster with wife.

Wed. 28. Went with my men and mended Waternummon's fence in order to keep y<sup>e</sup> cattle out of y<sup>e</sup> field.

Thur. 29. Made up my house lot fence and kept my cattle out of y<sup>e</sup> field.

Frid. 30. Misty weather. Went Mr. Emery to cut timber for a cider mill and press but without success. P. M. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe.

Sat. 31. Capt. Chandler<sup>2</sup> went with Mr. Emery to look out timber for a cider press. Prince went in his room to roll in y<sup>e</sup> masts.

N. B. 26th of March sat out 63 young apple trees in a single row beginning next y<sup>e</sup> road; then sat 2 young plum trees; then five of best winter apples; then 9 of y<sup>e</sup> spice apple, making 79 in y<sup>e</sup> whole.

#### APRIL.

Sun. 1st of April. Fell a snow about 6 inches deep. Preached. Admitted to communion the wife of Benj<sup>a</sup> Hanniford. Baptized Sam<sup>1</sup> — of Dan<sup>1</sup> Abbot. P. M. Cleared off moderate.

Mon. 2. Set out for Woburn. Dined at Capt. Stark's.<sup>3</sup> Lodged at Col<sup>o</sup> Lovewells.<sup>4</sup>

1. Mr. Walker had an orchard on the west end of Horse Shoe Island. Three of the apple trees were standing in a tolerable state of preservation as late as 1850.

2. Capt. John Chandler, one of the original proprietors of Concord, and grandfather of Abiel Chandler, the founder of Chandler School at Hanover.

3. Capt. John Stark's, at Manchester.

4. Probably Zaccheus Lovewell, of Dunstable, brother of Capt. John Lovewell of Pigwacket fame.

Tues. 3. Rained plentifully. Dined at Mrs. Blanchards. Drank tea at Col<sup>o</sup> Jno. Tyng's.<sup>1</sup> In the evening went to Wilmington. Lodged at my brother's.<sup>2</sup>

Wed. 4. Visited at sundry places in Woburn and went to Roxbury to attend Inferior Court there, but found 'twas adjourned till Friday.

Thurs. 5. Visited the President.<sup>3</sup> Mr. Appleton.<sup>4</sup> Mrs. Brown. Lodged at Saltmarshes.

Frid. 6. Went to Roxbury and thence to Woburn.

Sat. 7. Went to Wilmington.

Sun. 8. Preached all day at Wilmington.

Mon. 9. Sat out for Portsmouth. Dined at Mr. Sym's. Visited at Mr. Barnard's.<sup>5</sup> Lodged at Capt. Barnard's, Almsbury.

Tues. 10. Went to Portsmouth. Visited Mr. —.

Wed. 11. Prepared a petition to offer y<sup>e</sup> General Court.<sup>6</sup>

Thur. 12. Presented my petition which was read in Council. In the evening went to Kittery. Took up note to Sir William Pepperel. Lodged at Mr. Steven's.<sup>7</sup>

Frid. 13. Returned to Portsmouth. P. M. The General Court was adjourned to Tuesday May y<sup>e</sup> first. Set out home. Lodged at Mr. Sargent's.

Sat. 14. Arrived home. It proved a rainy day.

Sun. 15. Preached A. M. P. M. Son Timothy preached.

1. In Dunstable.

2. Deacon Samuel Walker, of Wilmington, Mass.

3. President Edward Holyoke of Harvard College.

4. Probably Nathaniel Appleton, Fellow of Harvard College.

5. Probably Rev. Edward Barnard, pastor of the First Church of Haverhill, Mass.

6. For the incorporation of Concord or a renewal of the District Act.

7. Rev. Joseph Stevens, of Kittery, Maine.

Mon. 16. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe. Pitched y<sup>e</sup> place for his house.<sup>1</sup>

Tues. 17. Mr. Hamiford made me a new harrow.

Wed. 18. Sowed peas at Hale's Point; wheat in Waternummons.

Thurs. 19. Mr. Virgin sowed rye and peas over y<sup>e</sup> River. I sowed on y<sup>e</sup> Island, and 1 bush<sup>l</sup> rye, 1 peck of large peas, 3 pecks of Hotspurs and 5 bush<sup>ls</sup> oats.

Frid. 20. A general Fast. Preached all day. A snow fell about 3 inches deep, but a little way in y<sup>e</sup> woods a foot deep.

Sat. 21. Cleared up warm. Sat out about 20 apple trees in y<sup>e</sup> Island orchard and y<sup>e</sup> Joel orchard. At night Mr. Scales Junior came here to preach.

Sun. 22. Mr. Scales Junior preached for me. Baptized John——of John Stevens.

Mon. 23. Bot 40 young apple trees of Philip Eastman. Bro't y<sup>m</sup> home and sat y<sup>m</sup> out.

Tues. 24. Lent Mr. Gale 6 dollars. Joseph Walker Junior came to live with me a week for £7-10-00. Set out about 60 young apple trees in y<sup>e</sup> house lot. Began to make log fence. P. M. Deacon Stickney and Mr. Carlton visited me. Have had 4 or 5 days cold.

Wed. 25. Made log fence around my young orchard.

Thur. 26. Nihil memorab<sup>a</sup>.

Frid. 27. Deacon Hall<sup>2</sup> sowed hay seed for me.

Sat. 28. Harrowed in hay seed. Bot  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel flaxseed of Edw<sup>d</sup> Abbot for £3-10-00.

Sun. 29. Misty weather. Preached. Appointed y<sup>e</sup> sacrament. Propounded y<sup>e</sup> wife of W<sup>m</sup> Coffin for communion. Proved a rainy night.

1. This house is now occupied by the Rolfe and Rumford Asylum.

2. Deacon Joseph Hall, the third deacon of the Concord church, 1744-1784.



Mon. 30. Cleared up moderate. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe.

## MAY.

Tues. 1st of May. Wrote a letter to George Jaffrey Esq. Mended my pasture fence.

Wed. 2. Set out 8 elm trees<sup>1</sup> about my house.

Thur. 3. Plowed my land at y<sup>e</sup> Middle Interval.

Frid. 4. Went with Capt. Chandler to Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe's to settle about our trial at Portsmouth.

Sat. 5. Sowed a bushel of barley and more than a bushel of flaxseed and harrowed it in.

Sun. 6. Preached. Administered the Sacrament. Received the wife of Wm. Coffin to full communion.

Mon. 7. Joseph Walker returned to complete his month. Worked upon my orchard fence.

Tues. 8. Sold a barrel of cider to Nath<sup>l</sup> Abbot for which he is to pay me 1 dollar and  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Wed. 9. We turned yearlings up to Contoocook plain.

Thur. 10. Prince and John helped Nath<sup>l</sup> West. Joseph Walker carted 2 loads of poles to y<sup>e</sup> causeway by Mr. Carter's.

Frid. 11. P. M. We had a fine rain. Things look finely.

Sat. 12. A pleasant day.

Sun. 13. Preached all day.

Mon. 14. Teams went to Rattle Snake Hill<sup>2</sup> for rocks for Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe. Planted<sup>3</sup> Middle Interval & Hale's Point.

1. Five of these trees are still standing (Dec. 13, 1888), and the largest has a circumference of 17 feet 6 inches at three feet above the ground.

2. The ledges of Rattlesnake Hill have afforded stone for building purposes from the first settlement of Concord. The top sheets were used at first, most of which were stained. The quarrying methods of to-day were unknown to the fathers of the town.

3. The first day of May, old style, was considered by the early farmers of the town as the proper time to plant Indian corn.

Tues. 15. Furrowed my Island in order for planting. P. M.

Wed. 16. Set out for Portsmouth. Lodged at

Thurs. 17. Went to Portsmouth. Entered y<sup>e</sup> action. Heard Dunstable and Derry case tried.

Frid. 18. Post M. Returned home. Lodged at Mr. Moody's<sup>1</sup> of New Market.

Sat. 19. Dined at Mr. Tuck's.<sup>2</sup> Returned home by Paul Morrill's. Rained somewhat before I got home.

Sun. 20. Preached A. M. P. M. Son preached. Propounded widow Worthen for full communion.

Mon. 21. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe.

Tues. 22. Visited wife of Reuben Kimball. P. M. Attended training. Paid Joseph Walker £18—05—00 old tenor.

Wed. 23. Finished the Joel lot fence.

Thur. 24. Hung y<sup>e</sup> lower gate. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe, being sick.

Frid. 25. Mr. Nath<sup>l</sup> Rolfe arrived here.

Sat. 26. We have advice that y<sup>e</sup> woman was cleared accused of murdering her child. Begins to be very dry.

Sun. 27. Preached. Admitted the widow Joanna Worthen to full communion. Baptized John — of Thomas Saltmarsh.

Mon. 28. Amos Abbot came to make me a cart.

Tues. 29. Finished my cart and shoeing my sleds.<sup>3</sup>

Wed. 30. Sent the Col<sup>o</sup> molasses within 2 inches and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of y<sup>e</sup> top of y<sup>e</sup> tub. Also lb14 $\frac{1}{4}$  Sugar bag with it.

1. Rev. John Moody, minister of New Market from 1730 to 1778.

2. Rev. John Tuck, minister of Epsom from 1761 to 1764.

3. Mr. Walker's promptness is evidenced by this shoeing of his sleds in May that they may be in readiness for use the next winter.

Thurs. 31. Col<sup>o</sup>. Rolfe raised his house.<sup>1</sup> Capt. Page and wife came in and lodged with us.

## JUNE.

Frid. 1st of June. Capt. Page returned home. Went with my chair<sup>2</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> 11 Lots.<sup>3</sup>

Sat. 2. Prince began to weed my house lot corn.

Sun. 3. Preached. Propounded Nath<sup>l</sup> Merrill, Sam<sup>l</sup> Colby, Benj<sup>n</sup> Farnham and their wives to own y<sup>e</sup> covenant.

Mon. 4. Joseph Walker set out for Portsmouth. Continued very dry. Son Tim<sup>o</sup> set out for Woburn. Had hands to weed my Middle Interval corn.

Tues. 5. Reckoned with Nath<sup>l</sup> West. Very cold for y<sup>e</sup> season of y<sup>e</sup> year.

Wed. 6. With daughter Sally visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe. Capt Gale arrived here from Haverhill.

Thur. 7. Continued very dry. Warm days and cool nights.

Frid. 8. At night the witnesses respecting Bowen &c. returned home.

Sat. 9. James Abbot Juner<sup>4</sup> arrived from Cowass.

Sun. 10. Preached. Nath<sup>l</sup> Merrill & wife owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant.

Mon. 11. Capt Gale & wife dined at our house. P. M. The weather suddenly altered. Y<sup>e</sup> wind sprang up at East.

Tues. 12. A fine and plentiful rain after long drouth.

Wed. 13. Continued wet. Transplanted 250 cabbages and cucumbers. P. M. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe being indisposed.

1. Now occupied by the Rolfe and Rumford Asylum.

2. This chair is said to have been a two wheeled open vehicle, resembling a chaise with the top removed, and the first carriage on springs brought to Concord.

3. A range of 11 lots rear the Concord Bridge.

4. James Abbot, Jr., was a citizen of Concord as early as March, 1744.

Thurs. 14. They found Thom<sup>s</sup> Spring missing since Tuesday morning.

Frid. 15. Prince and John work for Webster at his farm.

Sat. 16. At night my men returned from Webster's farm.

Sun. 17. Preached. Sam<sup>l</sup> Colby, Benj<sup>n</sup> Farnham with their wives owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant. Baptized Judith — of Eph<sup>m</sup> Farnham Juner. and Sarah — of Sam<sup>l</sup> Colby.

Mon. 18. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe.

Tues. 19. Visited Jona. Worthen.

Wed. 20. Mr. Moses Badger visited here: Tarried all night.

Thur. 21. Mr. Paul Burbeen and Sally visited. P. M. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe. Kil<sup>d</sup> a calf. Lent Mr. Coffin a quarter—wt. lbs 14½ Rained finely all night.

Frid. 22 Rained by showers. Mr. Virgin helped me.

Sat. 23. Mr. Virgin shaved shingles for me.

Sun. 24. Preached all day. Administered y<sup>e</sup> Sacrament.

Mon. 25. Visited Dr. Carter's.<sup>1</sup> Put my hat into Mr. Kinsman's hand to vend for w<sup>h</sup> he is to make me a new one.

Tues. 26. This day and y<sup>e</sup> last my men mowed bushes at my upper pasture. Dined at Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe's. Pretty hot.

Wed. 27. Dined at Capt. McMillen's.

Thurs. 28. Mr. Burbeen and sister visited at Capt. Page's. Returned late at night. At night son Timothy returned from Rowley Canady.<sup>2</sup>

1. Dr. Ezra Carter, the first settled physician of Concord.

2. Hon. Timothy Walker was educated for the ministry and preached a short time at Rowley Canada (Rindge), where he declined an invitation to settle. He also preached at other places for different periods but was never settled.

Frid. 29. Mr Paul Burbeen and sister departed. Very hot. Jos<sup>h</sup> Walker, Sam<sup>l</sup> &c. helped me mow bushes.

Sat. 30. Jos<sup>h</sup> Walker, Sam<sup>l</sup> &c. mowed bushes for me.

## JULY.

Sun. 1. Preached. Propounded Dan<sup>l</sup> Chandler and wife to own y<sup>e</sup> covenant. At night a fine rain.

Mon. 2. Moulded<sup>1</sup> my Middle Interval corn.

Tues. 3. A great concourse of people to swear y<sup>e</sup> military officers. Dined with Col<sup>o</sup> Goffe at Capt. McMillen's. Visited Jona. Worthen.

Wed. 4. Extremely hot. P. M. A remarkable thunder shower.

Thurs. 5. Simon Trumbull helped fit up my barn.

Frid. 6. Finished moulding my Island corn. Set the missing tobacco plants.<sup>2</sup>

Sat. 7. Sat out for Bakers Town.<sup>3</sup> Arrived there.

Sun. 8. Preached at Baker's Town. Mr. Scales Junior preached for me. I baptized Esther — of — Barber. In evening I returned home.

Mon. 9. Began to mow at Hale's Point. Jos. Walker pd. Simon Trumbull for mending my barn.

Tues. 10. Reuben Kier came to shingle my barn. Matr<sup>o</sup> junxi Benjamin Osgood and Miriam Stickney.

Wed. 11. Continued exceedingly hot weather. Attended Mrs. Osgood's entertainment.

1. Farmers of the olden time designated the three hoeings which they gave their corn as, 1st. Weeding, a simple cutting up of the weeds; 2d. Moulding, the making of a flat hill about the corn plants, dishing towards the centre; 3d. Hilling, a further elevation of the hill that it might afford support to the stalks.

2. Tobacco was raised in a small way, for private use, in Concord, down to a time within the memory of persons now living.

3. Now Salisbury.

Thurs. 12. Mat<sup>e</sup> junxi Jacob Waldron and Sarah Abbot. Reuben Kier finished shingling my barn.

Frid. 13. Rained hard y<sup>e</sup> most of y<sup>e</sup> day. Cleaned out my barn.

Sat. 14. Hilled my house lot corn. P. M. Mowed my Island orchard. Sam<sup>l</sup> Osgood visited here. Weather continued very dull.

Sun. 15. Rained. Preached all day. Dan<sup>l</sup> Chandler and wife owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant.

Mon. 16. Turned my hay. P. M. A small shower.

Tues. 17. Fair but hay dried little. Got in 2 small loads of hay.

Wed. 18. A plentiful rain. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe. At night my cows got into the field. Cleared up at night.

Thur. 19. Clouded up P. M. so that hay dried very little.

Frid. 20. Col. Frie dined with us. P. M. Showery.

Sat. 21. Carted 3 loads of hay. P. M. A light shower.

Sun. 22. Preached. Col<sup>o</sup> Frie dined with me. Baptized Molly and Hannah — of Dan<sup>l</sup> Chandler.

Mon. 23. Mowed my Island Lot No. 1 with two hands.

Tues. 24. Finished mowing No. 1.

Wed. 25. Carted y<sup>e</sup> hay off No. 1.

Thur. 26. Hilled my Middle Interval corn.

Frid. 27. Began to hill my Island corn.

Sat. 28. Finished hilling. It has been a very hot week. No rain but a very growing time.

Sun. 29. Continued very hot but showery. Sacramentum administravi. P. M. Son Timothy preached.

Mon. 30. Visited at Jona. Stickneys with other company.

Tues. 31. Went to Contoocook<sup>1</sup> with Mr. Whittemore.<sup>2</sup> Forwarded a composition between Mr. Morrill<sup>3</sup> and Capt. Gerrish. Returned home about 11 o'clock.

## AUGUST.

Wed. 1st day of August. Pulled my flax and reaped my winter wheat.

Thur. 2. Reaped winter rye. Equa con<sup>t</sup>. Very hot weather.

Frid. 3. Very windy in y<sup>e</sup> morning.

Sat. 4. Carted 15 shocks and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of winter rye. Hack<sup>d</sup> my peas.

Sun. 5. Preached. Baptized Betty — of Reuben Courrier. Propounded Isaac Walker Juner and wife to own y<sup>e</sup> covenant. Messrs. Paul Burbeen and Thom<sup>s</sup> Flagg came here the 4th inst.

Mon. 6. Visited at Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe's

Tues. 7. A very heavy shower

Wed. 8. A good hay day. Carted two loads from Hale's Point.

Thur. 9. Reaped part of my summer wheat.

Frid. 10. Rained a little A. M. P. M. Cleared away.

Sat. 11. Finished reaping my wheat. Mended fence of Lot No. 1.

Sun. 12. Preached. Baptized Moses — of Benjamin Fifield, and Phebe — of Nath<sup>l</sup> Abbot Juner. Propounded John Chase and wife to own y<sup>e</sup> covenant.

Mon. 13. Turned cows into Lot No. 1, y<sup>e</sup> Island.

Tues. 14. Mowed my grass upon Waternummons Brook.

1. Now Boscawen.

2. Rev. Aaron Whittemore, minister of Pembroke from 1737 to 1767.

3. Rev. Robie Morrill, pastor of Boscawen church from Dec. 29, 1761 to Dec. 9, 1766.

Wed. 15. Cows broke into Dan<sup>l</sup> Chandler's corn.

Thur. 16. Mr. Paul Burbeen departed from here.

Frid. 17. Mr. Foster came and dined here. Lent Mr. Webster £6—00—00. cash.

Sat. 18. Set out with daughter Molly for Canterbury. Dined there.

Sun. 19. Preached at Canterbury. Mr. Foster preached here.

Mon. 20. Cloudy. Bad hay weather.

Tues. 21. A wet season after a considerable drought.

Wed. 22. Spread my flax. Continued showery. Dined at Mr. Emery's.

Thur. 23. Completed my bargain with Mr. Farington. Sold him my quarter of cider mill for 7 days  $\frac{1}{2}$  work. He helped Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe on my account one day, so that he owes me 6 days  $\frac{1}{2}$  work. Mr. Aaron Stevens was witness to y<sup>e</sup> bargain and the 6 days  $\frac{1}{2}$  work are chalked up above his mantle piece. P. M. Attend Taylors Raising.

Frid. 24. Weather cleared up, having been all this week foul. Fetched 4 bushels  $\frac{1}{2}$  Peas from Mr. Virgins.

Sat. 25. A fine hay day. Carted 2 loads of hay.

Sun. 26. Preached all day. Propounded Tim<sup>o</sup> Chandler and wife to own y<sup>e</sup> covenant.

Mon. 27. Matrimonio junxi David Evans and Catherine Walker. At night Mr. James Tyng arrived here.

Tues. 28. Visited Major Noyes at Suncook in company with Capt. Walker.

Wed. 29. Carted hay from Hales Point.

Thur. 30. Finished Mowing. At night a smart shower.

Frid. 31. Mr. Nath<sup>l</sup> Rolfe dined with us. Began to fence Hales Point upper lot.



## SEPTEMBER.

Sat. 1st of Sep<sup>r</sup>. Finished haying. Just at night a smart shower.

Sun. 2. Preached A. M. Administered the Sacrament. P. M. Son Timothy preached. Propounded Ezek<sup>l</sup> Colby and wife to own y<sup>e</sup> covenant.

Mon. 3. Children Timothy and Sarah set out for Woburn. Put y<sup>e</sup> cows in Hales Point.

Tues. 4. Cleaned up 11 bushels peas<sup>1</sup> at Hales Point, and 3 on y<sup>e</sup> Island.

Wed. 5. Mr. Blaisdell began to work on y<sup>e</sup> cider mill. Prince helped Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe.

Thurs. 6. Brot cider mill sweep from Rattlesnake Hill. Prince helped Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe.

Frid. 7. Began to frame y<sup>e</sup> cider mill. At night a pretty hard frost.

Sat. 8. Continues cold. Men worked on y<sup>e</sup> cider mill.

Sun. 9. Preached. Tim<sup>o</sup> Chandler and wife, John Chase and wife, Ezekiel Colby and wife owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant. Baptized Tabitha and Tim<sup>o</sup> — of Tim<sup>o</sup> Chandler;—John — of John Chase; Miriam and Ezekiel — of Eze<sup>l</sup> Colby.

Mon. 10. Jos. Walker left me for a fortnight to be made up after his three months have expired. N. B. Cider mill expenses are in Diary for 1761 and under y<sup>e</sup> month of Aug<sup>t</sup>.

Tues. 11. Intended to have raised cider mill but was disappointed.

Wed. 12. Rained hard.

Thur. 13. Rain somewhat abated. It has been y<sup>e</sup> most plentiful rain of any these several years. P. M. Raised y<sup>e</sup> cider mill.

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1. Peas were raised in far greater quantities formerly than now. Besides their use for human food, they were ground, mixed with oat meal and fed to swine.

Frid. 14. Prince helped Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe about his chimnies.

Sat. 15. Thom<sup>s</sup> Flagg came here. Son Tim<sup>o</sup> and daughter Sarah returned from Woburn. Nath<sup>l</sup> Parker and his sister came with them.

Sun. 16. Preached. Baptized Caleb — of Stilson Eastman. This night was a very severe frost.

Mon. 17. Had a bad cold. In night was taken with vomiting and purging.

Tues. 18. Visited at Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe's. Dined with company at Capt. McMillen's. Signs of a storm. At night my purging returned somewhat.

Wed. 19. Set out for Pigwacket.<sup>1</sup> Comitante Capt. McMillen. Went through Epsom. Lodged at Capt. Kate's.

Thur. 20. Breakfasted at Major Titcombs. Dined at Mr. Stanyan's, and lodged at Kennebunk.

Frid. 21. Traveled and lodged at a meadow above the Great Falls on Saco River. Rained somewhat.

Sat. 22. Arrived at Pigwacket about 10 o'clock.

Sun. 23. Preached at Pigwacket. About 45 persons present.

Mon. 24. Viewed y<sup>e</sup> interval and y<sup>e</sup> great meadows.

Tues. 25. Viewed Lovells Pond.<sup>2</sup> Y<sup>e</sup> great — went round——.

Wed. 26. Dined at Mr. Springs.

Thur. 27. Visited up at y<sup>e</sup> Mills. Dined at Nath<sup>l</sup> Merrills.<sup>3</sup>

1. Pigwacket included the country upon the Saco river now embraced in the towns of Conway and Fryeburg. Many of their first settlers had been parishioners of Mr. Walker, and thither he was wont to go to visit them and administer to their spiritual wants, until they had pastors settled among them.

2. The scene of Lovewell's fight with the Indians.

3. "In the summer of 1763, Mr. Nathaniel Smith moved his family into Fryeburg. This was the first family of white people which

Frid. 28. Went into the great — with Col. Frye.

Sat. 29. Visited at Sundry places.

Sun. 30. Preached. Baptized Eliz<sup>h</sup> — of Jedediah Spring.

## OCTOBER.

Mon. 1st of October. Set out homeward with a large company. Lodged at Kellog meadow.

Tues. 2. Dined at Stanians. Lodged at Major Titcombs.

Wed. 3. Went through Barrington— Dined at McCleary's at Epsom. Went by Paul Morrill's. Arrived at Reuben Kimballs 5 minutes after 7, in 12 hours to a minute from Major Titcombs.

Thur. 4. Visited at sundry places.

Frid. 5. Husked corn from the Island.

Sat. 6. Rained. Prince helped Ben<sup>n</sup> Emery husk.

Sun. 7. Preached. Admitted Timo. Walker y<sup>e</sup> 4th and wife to full communion. Baptized Elizabeth of Aaron Abbot.

Mon. 8. Mr. Hanniford worked upon y<sup>e</sup> cider press.

Tues. 9. Some small showers. Very warm. John Colby helped Tim<sup>o</sup> Chandler.

Wed. 10. Visited Capt. Brown. Comitates, Mrs. Osgood and Capt. McMillen.

Thur. 11. Sowed two bushels of winter rye. Brod a large load of corn from over y<sup>e</sup> River.

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erected a habitation in the country vulgarly called Pigwacket. On the 20th November of the same year, Messrs. Samuel Osgood, Moses Ames, John Evans, and Jedediah Spring moved into Fryeburg, from Concord, in New Hampshire, through a rough, hilly country, uninhabited for 50 or 70 miles. Mr. David Evans and Mr. Nathaniel Merrill (then young men) accompanied them as first settlers."—*Introduction to Lovewell's Fight*, pp. IV and V., Jan. 1799.

Frid. 12. Brot my corn from y<sup>e</sup> Middle Interval.<sup>1</sup> At night had a husking.<sup>2</sup> Mr. Bayley and Mr. Badger lodged here.

Sat. 13. Borrowed a barrel of cider of Dr. Carter.

Sun. 14. Preached all day. David Gage and wife owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant.

Mon. 15. Placed my corn in y<sup>e</sup> crib. Loaded Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Clement's—

Tues. 16. Sent two teams to Capt. Stark for 2 hogsheads of lime. Made 7 barrels of cider.

Wed. 17. Made two barrels of water cider. At night Mr. Winget and son came and lodged here.

Thur. 18. Made 12 barrels cider.<sup>3</sup>

Frid. 19. Rained considerably. Covered my cider press.

Sat. 20. Made 4 barrels of water cider. Gave Lieut. Webster one of them.

Sun. 21. Preached. Sacramentum administravi. Baptized Jeremy of Thomas Stickney.

Mon. 22. Messrs. Sam<sup>l</sup> and Benj<sup>n</sup> Osgood dined at our house.

Tues. 23. Divided the salt &c. which Mr. Clements sent. I had 1 bushel ——— salt and 1 bushel

1. That part of Concord interval near the Free Bridge.

2. Huskings have been common in Concord down almost to the present time. Both social and economical, they were held in the evening and often attended by both sexes. After the husking had been finished, the company were wont to adjourn from the barn to the house, where the scene changed from one of work to one of festivity.

3. To any one, surprised that the sober parson of a sober New Hampshire parish should make twenty-five barrels of cider in a single year, it may be said that cider was a common beverage on almost every farm in the state down to about fifty years ago. The late Reuben Abbot, of Concord, once remarked in the hearing of the editor that he had known his father to put into his cellar sixty barrels in the fall, which all disappeared in the course of the following twelve months.

and  $\frac{3}{4}$  rock salt and 3 gal. and  $\frac{3}{8}$  molasses, worth about £26 N. H. old tenor.

N. B. Deacon Hall paid my son Tim<sup>o</sup> £5-19-09 Mass. old tenor towards his rates. Son Timothy set out for Rowly Canady.

Wed. 24. Filled up y<sup>e</sup> lower well and opened y<sup>e</sup> road for winter that way.

Thur. 25. Mr. Nath Rolfe came up. Benj<sup>n</sup> Emery returned from Newbury. Prince set out for Woburn.

Frid. 26. A very hard rain.

Sat. 27. Snowed somewhat and very cold for y<sup>e</sup> season.

Sun. 28. Continued cold. Some squalls of snow. Preached. Baptiz<sup>d</sup> Abiel of Tim<sup>o</sup> Chandler and Anne of Daniel Carter.

Mon. 29. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe. John Colby got a load of candie (wood).<sup>1</sup> Remained cold for y<sup>e</sup> season.

Tues. 30. Began breaking up. Gilman West helped me and Eben Simonds with two oxen.

Wed. 31. Continued breaking up. Had Gilman West, Eben Simonds and Simon Trumbul with 4 oxen.

#### NOVEMBER.

Thur. 1st of Nov<sup>r</sup>. Warm for the season. Continued breaking up.

Frid. 2. Heard of ——— arrival in America.

Sat. 3. Cloudy. Moderate weather. Continued breaking up.

Sun. 4. Preached. Baptiz<sup>d</sup> Hannah of Eben Hall and Elizabeth of Asa Kimball. Continued moderate.

Mon. 5. Took a plan of Capt. Lovejoy's land.

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1. This was dry, hard pine wood, very full of pitch, cleft into small pieces, often used instead of a candle, and, at other times, for kindling.

Tues. 6. Mustered my breaking up team. A warm, pleasant day. Brot my corn from y<sup>e</sup> Middle Interval.

Wed. 7. Plowed down y<sup>e</sup> Taylor's hill.<sup>1</sup> Son Timothy returned from Boston.

Thur. 8. Rain in night. Thanksgiving.

Frid. 9. Went out to Dunbarton training.

Sat. 10. Capt. Badger<sup>2</sup> and Mr. Foster dined at our house.

Sun. 11. A very rainy day. Mr. Foster preached for me. Administered y<sup>e</sup> sacrament.

Mon. 12. It cleared up something cold. Capt. Walker's son came and made my lime mortar.

Tues. 13. Set out for Portsmouth. Lodged at Barber's.

Wed. 14. Arrived at Portsmouth. Attended Court.

Thur. 15. P. M. Our case came on and was continued. Lodged at Capt. Folsom's.

Frid. 16. Arrived home. It has been a very cold week.

Sat. 17. Returned Dea<sup>n</sup> Hall the 19 Dollars I received of him. On y<sup>e</sup> Proprietor's account gave McMillen y<sup>e</sup> receipt from Dan<sup>l</sup> Sherburne for y<sup>e</sup> £350 I carried for him. He owes me £2 for getting his deed recorded. P. M. Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of Eben Halls child.

Sun. 18. Preach<sup>d</sup>. Baptiz<sup>d</sup> Dean Osgood of David Gage. Col<sup>o</sup> Frye dined and lodged here.

Mon. 19. A lowery day. Prince brot 7 bushels turnips from Capt. Page's. Brot 600 thin boards from Nath<sup>l</sup> Abbot's.

Tues. 20. A very rainy day. Boys set y<sup>e</sup> barn in order.

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1. "Ye Taylor" was Mr. Walker's neighbor, Mr. James Walker, who was a tailor and lived at the corner of State and Penacook streets.

2. Probably Captain (afterwards General) Joseph Badger, of Gilmanton.

Wed. 21. Cleared up moderate. John Kimball came to help me. Kill<sup>d</sup> my old sow. Weig<sup>d</sup> 220 lbs.

Thur. 22. Capt. Walker plaister<sup>d</sup> my chamber entry. Pretty cold.

Frid. 23. He plaister<sup>d</sup> the long entry.

Sat. 24. He plaister<sup>d</sup> the North room. Jno. Kimball helped me four days this week. N. B. Capt. Adams and Mr. Chamberlin here.

Sun. 25. Cloudy. Looked likely for snow. Preach<sup>d</sup> all day.

Mon. 26. Capt. Walker began my stone chimney.

Tues. 27. Finished my stone chimney. Weather grew moderate.

Wed. 28. Visited at Enoch Webster's with wife and company. At night Mr. Powers and Seales lodged here. Weather moderate for y<sup>e</sup> season.

Thur. 29. Tim<sup>o</sup> Chandler helped me cart dung. Mr. Powers departed for Cowas.

Frid. 30. A snowy day but moderate.

Nov. 13. Kil<sup>d</sup> a cow. Wt. about 90 per quarter. Hide about 42.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 21 & { Killed 4 hogs. Wt. about 850.  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 3d. }

Dec<sup>r</sup> 3. Killed my sullen heifer. Fore quarters weighed 234 lbs. Sent y<sup>e</sup> hide to Sam<sup>l</sup> Colby. Wt. 42.

#### DECEMBER.

Sat. 1st of December. Continued snowing.

Sun. 2. Preach<sup>d</sup>. Baptiz<sup>d</sup> Barnard — of Tim<sup>o</sup> Walker 4th. Still snowy weather.

Mon. 3. Still snowy. The snow about 6 or 8 inches deep. Kill<sup>d</sup> my 3 hogs and my young cow.

Tues. 4. Dined at Mr. Coffins. P. M. Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of Barnard son of Tim<sup>o</sup> Walker y<sup>e</sup> 4th.

Wed. 5. Capt. Walker laid me two hearths. Jno. Kimball came to help me lay my best room floor.<sup>1</sup>

Thur. 6. Visited Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe. Helped split a large door stone.

Frid. 7. Tim<sup>o</sup> Chandler helped me cart dung. Towards night it rained.

Sat. 8. A rainy day. Jno. Kimball finished laying my best room floor.

Sun. 9. Preach<sup>d</sup> all day. Forgot to propound Eben<sup>r</sup> Simonds and wife to own y<sup>e</sup> covenant.

Mon. 10. Son Tim<sup>o</sup> began his school. Jno. Colby went.

Tues. 11. Moderate weather. Spoke to Gale for some staples.

Wed. 12. Snow fell about 6 inches deep.

Thur. 13. A very cold N. W. wind. Silloway died upon y<sup>e</sup> road near Irvings.

Frid. 14. Prince was indisposed with a cold. Mr. West shod my oxen. Sent Thom<sup>s</sup> Spring to school. Jno. Colby has been four days this week.

Sat. 15. Weather moderate.

Sun. 16. Preach<sup>d</sup>. Propounded Eben<sup>r</sup> Simonds and wife to own y<sup>e</sup> covenant next Sunday.

Mon. 17. Sledded two loads of wood out of Waternummons.

Tues. 18. Carried a load of wood to y<sup>e</sup> school house and brot one home at night. Mr. Stephen Scales came here. Visited Capt M<sup>c</sup>Millen.

Wed. 19. Sledded two loads of wood.

Thur. 20. Snow fell about one foot deep. Prince cut up my wood at y<sup>e</sup> school house.

Frid. 21. John Colby and Jos. Carter brot me

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1. This floor, which was removed in 1849, was then in good condition. It was made of pitch pine boards, held in place, upon white oak floor timbers, by wrought iron nails, about four inches long. The virtual termination of the Bow Controversy in Dec., 1762, seems to have encouraged Mr. W. to finish his house.



two loads of rails from Jon<sup>a</sup> Chase. Dined with my family at Col<sup>o</sup> Rolfe's. Maj<sup>r</sup> Rogers came to Town.

Sat. 22. Major Rogers and Mr. Scales Juner dined here.

Sun. 23. A fine pleasant day. Preach<sup>d</sup> all day. Eben<sup>r</sup> Simonds and wife owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant. Baptiz<sup>d</sup>—Jona. Stickney and John — of Eben<sup>r</sup> Simonds.

Mon. 24. Set out for Portsmouth. Lodged at Mr. Flaggs. Mr. Scales overtook me there.

Tues. 25. Dined at Folsoms, Exeter. Lodged at Folsoms at Greenland.

Wed. 26. An extraordinary storm of snow. Tarried at Greenland. Teams were stopp<sup>d</sup>.

Thur. 27. With difficulty we arrived at Portsmouth. The snow so drifted by y<sup>e</sup> Globe Tavern y<sup>t</sup> 'twas with difficulty we worried through.

Frid. 28. A pleasant day but no General Court.

Sat. 29. A second great storm of snow. Drifted very much. Dined at Mr. Cut's.

Sun. 30. Very blustering. Snow flew prodigiously. A. M. Heard Dr. Langdon.<sup>1</sup> P. M. Tarried at home.

Mon. 31. Continued cold. No General Court.<sup>2</sup> Visited Dr. Jackson.

[NOTE. Inasmuch as the above mentioned journey to Portsmouth embraced a few days of the following year, the diary of the first twelve days of January 1765, is subjoined.—J. B. W.]

1. Rev. Samuel Langdon, D. D., pastor of First Parish in Portsmouth, from 1747 to 1774.

2. Mr. Walker's object in going to Portsmouth at this time, was to obtain of the General Court, if possible, the incorporation of his town or the renewal of the District Act, by which it had once been governed.

1765.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1. Dined at Parson Brown's.<sup>1</sup> Spent y<sup>e</sup> evening with Dr. Thornton.

Wed. 2. No travelling yet and so continued this week.

Sat. 5. Dined at Mr. Haven's.<sup>2</sup>

Sun. 6. A. M. Preach<sup>d</sup> for Mr. Haven. P. M. For Dr. Langdon.

Mon. 7. Y<sup>e</sup> General Court met.

Tues. 8. Heard Russells Petition.

Wed. 9. Did little business.

Thur. 10. Left my affairs with Major Blanchard. P. M. Set out homeward. Lodged at Capt Hoits, Stratham.

Frid. 11. Dined with Mr. Stearnes. Lodged at Tiltons.

Sat. 12. Arrived home. Very cold. N. west wind blew hard.

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Sunday 28th September. Preached at Mr. Swan's in Pigwacket. Arrived 25th; lodged at Capt W's.

Monday, 29. Visited and lodged at Mr. Moses Day's. Bap. Judith his daughter.

October 5. Preached at Pigwacket. Bap. Susanna, daught. of — Holt; Barnard, son of Timothy Walker, Jun.; Susanna, daught. of Sam. Osgood; Ann, daught. of Leonard Harriman; Robert, son of David Page; William, son of Jno. Evans; Sarah, daught. of David Evans; Wm., son of Wm. Eaton; Moses, son of Jas. Osgood; Wm., son of Ben. Osgood, 11 bap. at Pigwacket.

1. Rev. Arthur Browne, rector of the Episcopal Church, at Portsmouth.

2. Rev. Samuel Haven, D. D., pastor of Second Parish in Portsmouth, from 1752 to 1806.

## 1780.

w.	m.	1780.	JANUARY has 31 days.
7	1	Cold weather begins y <sup>e</sup> year.	
1	2	Continued cold. Preached all day. In y <sup>e</sup> evening visited the sick son of James Hazeltine.	
2	3	Fell a snow of considerable depth. Visited daughter Thompson. <sup>1</sup>	
3	4	Coldest weather we have had. Winds high. Snow vastly drifted.	
4	5	Weather a little moderated.	
5	6	Wind increased. Travelling very difficult.	
6	7	Wind continued excessive high. Philip <sup>2</sup> went with a team to Portsmouth.	
7	8	Winds y <sup>e</sup> same. Very cold.	
1	9	Weather still y <sup>e</sup> same. Preached all day.	
2	10	Y <sup>e</sup> first pleasant day for a long time.	
3	11	Continued pleasant weather. Mr. Foster arrived from Exeter. being y <sup>e</sup> first y <sup>t</sup> arrived since y <sup>e</sup> turbulent weather.	
4	12	Weather continued pleasant.	
5	13	The N. W. wind resumed y <sup>e</sup> ascendancy. Married Stephen Hall and Patience Flanders, both of Concord.	
6	14	N. W. wind still prevalent.	
7	15	Teams y <sup>t</sup> had been detained below a fortnight by the deep and drifted snow arrived.	
1	16	Preached all day. Still very cold.	
2	17	Had a very bad cold.	
3	18	Visited Daughter Thompson.	
4	19	Cloudy, but no snow.	
5	20	Cleared up cold.	

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1. Mrs. Sarah Thompson, wife of Benjamin Thompson, afterwards Count Rumford.

2. Philip Abbot, his hired man.

- 6 21 Visited Daughter Thompson.  
 7 22 Continued very cold.  
 1 23 Preached all day. Very cold. The coldest  
     Sunday y<sup>t</sup> has been for years.  
 2 24 Son Timothy<sup>1</sup> set out for Boston.  
 3 25 This and y<sup>e</sup> preceding day more pleasant  
     than we have had.  
 4 26 Nothing remarkable.  
 5 27 Visited at Daughter Thompson's.  
 6 28 N. W. wind renewed its force.  
 7 29 Continued very cold.  
 1 30 Preached all day.  
 2 31 Perhaps the coldest day we have had y<sup>e</sup>  
     season.

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Account of marriages in January.

- 13 d. Stephen Hall and Patience Flanders, both  
     of Concord.

FEBRUARY has 29 days.

- 3 1 Light wind, southerly. Clouded P. M.  
 4 2 Cleared up. Wind N. W., but not extreme  
     cold.  
 5 3 A very pleasant day.  
 6 4 Do.  
 7 5 The N. W. wind revived with increased  
     vigor.  
 1 6 Preached all day. In y<sup>e</sup> evening Col. Hurd  
     advenit.  
 2 7 A pleasant day.  
 3 8 A moderate snow, four or five inches deep.  
 4 9 Cleared up cold. Wind N. W.  
 5 10 Do.  
 6 11 Weather a little moderated.  
 7 12 Had news from y<sup>e</sup> General Court.  
 1 13 Preached all day.

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1. Hon. Timothy Walker.

- 2 14 Visited at Capt. Roach's.  
 3 15 Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of Mrs. Shute. Began  
 a thaw. Rained chief of y<sup>e</sup> night.  
 4 16 Mr. Prince preached a lecture here.  
 5 17 Dined with Mr. Prince<sup>1</sup> at Mr. Kinsman's.  
 6 18 The thaw much damaged y<sup>e</sup> travelling.  
 7 19 Attended y<sup>e</sup> funeral of Joseph Clough's  
 child, and baptized Elizabeth, his other  
 daughter.  
 1 20 Preached and in evening married Samuel  
 Willard and Sarah Thompson, both of  
 Concord.  
 2 21 Thaw'y weather. Capt. Kinsman<sup>2</sup> arrived  
 from Boston. No news.  
 3 22 Visited at Daughter Chandler's.<sup>3</sup>  
 4 23 Visited at Daughter Thompson's.  
 5 24 Went to William Brown's and there married  
 John Dobbin and Sarah Brown, both of  
 Chester.  
 6 25 Cold but not extreme. Son Timothy set  
 out for Exeter.  
 7 26 Hazy. Likely for a snow.  
 1 27 Preached at Pembroke. Baptized a daughter  
 of Aaron Whittemore. Do. of John Head.  
 Do. of Nath<sup>1</sup> Lakeman. Mr. Colby<sup>4</sup>  
 preached for me.

1. Rev. Joseph Prince, first minister of Barrington.

2. Capt. Aaron Kinsman, of Bow, was an officer of the Revolution who commanded a company in Stark's regiment at Bunker Hill, and served through the whole or a good part of the Revolutionary period. He subsequently resided in Concord, and was highly respected.

3. Mr. Walker's youngest daughter, the widow of Capt. Abiel Chandler, of Concord, who died in 1777. She afterwards married Henry Rolfe, of Concord.

4. Rev. Zaccheus Colby, ordained March 22, 1780, and pastor of the Pembroke church from 1780 to 1803.

- 2 28 Heard various rumors of y<sup>e</sup> revolt of Ireland.  
 3 29 A very pleasant day ends y<sup>e</sup> month.

Account of marriages in February, viz :

- 20 D. Samuel Willard and Sarah Thompson,  
 both of Concord.  
 24 D. John Dobbin and Sarah Brown, both of  
 Chester.

MARCH has 31 days.

- 4 1 The first, second and third days pleasant.  
 7 4 Dined at Daughter Thompson's with Sq<sup>r</sup>  
 Page.  
 1 5 The company kept Sabbath here. Preached.  
 Baptized Peter Hazeltine—of Dan<sup>l</sup> Abbot;  
 Abial—of Benj<sup>a</sup> Farnum; Sau<sup>l</sup>—of Rich-  
 ard Ayer; Hepzibah—of Jabez Abbot and  
 Betty—Obadiah Hall.  
 2 6 Dined at Mrs. Osgood's<sup>1</sup> with Sq<sup>r</sup> Page.  
 Annual Town Meeting.  
 3 7 Continued moderate weather.  
 4 8 Heard pr. Mr. Carlton that Mr. Ingalls  
 from Androscoggin<sup>2</sup> said y<sup>e</sup> snow had not  
 been above twelve inches deep there this  
 winter.  
 5 9 Nothing remarkable.  
 6 10 Last night and to-day fell about six inches  
 snow.  
 7 11 Cloudy, but no falling weather.  
 1 12 Preached. Snowed somewhat. Read the  
 letter from Pembroke ch. to assist in or-  
 daining Mr. Colby. The church chose  
 Col. Thomas Stickney and Tim<sup>o</sup> Walker,  
 Jr., Esq., delegates.

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1. Mrs. Hannah Osgood, whose patriotism was as hearty as her hos-  
 pitality, and who was commonly called "Mother Osgood," kept a well  
 known inn in Concord for many years.

2. About this time many persons emigrated from Concord and set-  
 tled at Rumford, on the Androscoggin river in Maine.

- 2 13 A pleasant day.  
 3 14 Married Alexander Long and Anna Moor of Bow.  
 4 15 Visited at Mr. Stevens's<sup>1</sup> and Mr. Harris's.<sup>2</sup>  
 5 16 Married Mr. Nathaniel Rolfe, Junior, and Mrs. Judith Chandler, both of Concord; also James Garvin, Junior, and Sarah Mitchell, both of Bow.  
 6 17 Nothing remarkable.  
 7 18 Do.  
 1 19 Preached all day.  
 2 20 Nothing remarkable.  
 3 21 Married Samuel Abbott, Junior, of Pembroke, and Lydia Perrum of Concord.  
 4 22 Attended y<sup>e</sup> ordination of Mr. Colby at Pembroke.<sup>3</sup>  
 5 23 Messrs. Rice and Kelley departed.  
 6 24 Fell a small flight of snow and hail.  
 7 25 Cleared up, moderate.  
 1 26 Preached. Baptized James Osgood — of Jeremiah Abbot.

The last week in March cold blustering weather for y<sup>e</sup> most part.

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Account of marriages in March.

- 14 D. Alexander Long and Anna Moor, both of Bow.  
 16 D. Nathl<sup>l</sup> Rolfe, Jr., and Judith Chandler, both of Concord.

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1. John Stevens, an Englishman, educated at the University of Cambridge, was for many years a trader in Concord. His store stood at the northwest corner of Main and Pleasant streets. In 1777 he was suspected of Toryism and sent to Exeter jail, but was subsequently released by the Legislature. He died in 1792.

2. Robert Harris, for many years a prominent trader and citizen of Concord.

3. Rev. Zaccheus Colby, dismissed May 11, 1803.

- 16 D. James Garvin, Jun., and Sarah Mitchell,  
both of Bow.
- 21 D. Sam<sup>l</sup> Abbot, Junior, of Pembroke, and Lydia  
Perrum, both of Concord.

APRIL has thirty days.

- 7 1 Very cold for y<sup>e</sup> season. Post brought y<sup>e</sup>  
first newspaper we have had.
- 1 2 Preached all day. Very cold.
- 2 3 Town meeting — is adjourned to y<sup>e</sup> first  
Monday, July.
- 3 4 Y<sup>e</sup> first spring-like day for a good while.
- 4 5 Weather continued moderate.
- 5 6 Nothing remarkable.
- 6 7 Weather grew colder.
- 7 8 In y<sup>e</sup> evening hurt my foot badly. N. B.  
Sat'y y<sup>e</sup> 8th sowed my first peas.
- 1 9 Was detained at home by lameness. A. M.  
A smart rain. Snow up country.
- 2 10 Cleared up cold. Something of a freshet.
- 3 11 Continued cold for the season.
- 4 12 Weather much y<sup>e</sup> —. My lameness in-  
creased.
- 5 13 No news from Europe of importance.
- 6 14 Mr. Foster<sup>1</sup> advenit.
- 7 15 Daughter Susan pep<sup>t</sup>.
- 1 16 Preached. Baptized Betty — of son Timothy  
Walker.
- 2 17 A cold rain. Went to mill. Nath<sup>l</sup> East-  
man's house was burnt.
- 3 18 Visited at Daughter Thompson's.
- 4 19
- 5 20 A rainy day.
- 6 21 Cleared up cold for the season.
- 7 22 The nurse went away.

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1. Rev. Abiel Foster, pastor of Canterbury church from 1761 to 1779.



- 1 23 Weather moderated. Preached. After meeting Sam<sup>l</sup> Davis and wife owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant. Baptized Robert and Betty, children of do. In y<sup>e</sup> evening turned up very cold.
- 2 24 Continued very cold for y<sup>e</sup> season.
- 3 25 Weather a little moderated.
- 4 26 A continental fast. Preached.
- 5 27 Mat<sup>o</sup> junx<sup>i</sup> Moses Kimball and Hannah Chase, both of Concord.
- 6 28 Weather moderated much.
- 7 29 This week's news gives acc<sup>t</sup> of a large French fleet arrived at Charleston, S. C. Was not attacked y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> inst.
- 1 30 Pleasant weather ends y<sup>e</sup> month. Preached. Propounded y<sup>e</sup> Sacrament.

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Account of marriages in April.

- 27 D. Moses Kimball and Hannah Chase, both of Concord.

MAY has 31 days.

- 2 1 A cold rain, but moderate.
- 3 2 Do. The freshet rose, but not high.
- 4 3 Cleared up but cold for y<sup>e</sup> season.
- 5 4 Do.
- 6 5 The first warm day for some time. Visited at Daughter Thompson's.
- 7 6 A pleasant day. Post brought y<sup>e</sup> acc<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> arrival of y<sup>e</sup> ———.
- 1 7 Preached. Sac<sup>m</sup>.
- 2 8 Rained a little. Caught a violent cold. In y<sup>e</sup> night was taken with a violent ague fit, with vomiting.
- 3 9 Was so weak I could scarcely walk. P. M. Caught a bad fall down stairs.
- 4 10 Grew better. A very warm, pleasant day.

- 5 11 Turned up cold for the season.  
 6 12 Weather continued cold for y<sup>e</sup> season. Mr.  
 Smith of Dartmouth College adventit.<sup>1</sup>  
 7 13 Weather moderated. Planted my first beans,  
 viz : 8 rows.  
 1 14 Preached all day.  
 2 15 Weather continued warm.  
 3 16 Planted 9 hills of squashes, 9 of cucumbers,  
 and 8 rows of beans, whereof 1 and about  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  were Mr. Kimball's sort.  
 4 17 Warm, pleasant weather.  
 5 18 Began to plant Indian corn.  
 6 19 A remarkable dark day although the clouds  
 appeared thin.  
 7 20 Finished planting Indian corn. Y<sup>e</sup> Post  
 not arrived. The reason not known.  
 1 21 Preached all day. Began to complain of y<sup>e</sup>  
 drowth.  
 2 22  
 3 23 Continued warm and dry.  
 4 24 Saw Capt Mitchell from Androscoggin.  
 5 25 Visited at daughter Thompson's.  
 6 26 Heard the good news from Capt. Roach<sup>2</sup> y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup>  
 Regulars had raised the siege at Charles-  
 ton, S. C., with considerable loss.  
 7 27 Had a small, refreshing shower, and another  
 in y<sup>e</sup> night following.  
 1 28 Preached; appointed the Sacrament. Bap-  
 tized Susanna — of Jacob Carter, and  
 Hannah — of Joshua Chandler.  
 2 29 Son Tim<sup>o</sup>. set out for Woburn.

1. Rev. John Smith, D. D., Professor of Latin and Greek languages.

2. Capt John Roach, a native of Cork, Ireland, came to Concord about 1778. He was a Continental soldier and lived at south end of Main street. He married Elizabeth Rogers after her divorce from her husband, Major Robert Rogers.

- 3 30 Warm, dry weather.  
 4 31 Tarried at home almost alone.

Account of marriages in May.

- 10 D. John Chandler of Boscawen and Emma  
 Farnum of Concord.

JUNE has 30 days.

- 5 1 Dined at Mr. Harris's with Mr. Hunt. Mat-  
 ri<sup>o</sup> junx<sup>i</sup> Daniel Flood of Wear and Sarah  
 Kimball of Concord.  
 6 2 Visited at daughter Judith's.  
 7 3 Son Timothy returned from Woburn. N. B.  
 On the evening of the 2d was some frost  
 but did no harm in this neighborhood.  
 1 4 Preached. Administered y<sup>e</sup> Sacrament.  
 2 5 Weather moderated.  
 3 6 Continues warm pleasant weather. Visited  
 at daughter Thompson's.  
 4 7 Rained moderately most of y<sup>e</sup> day.  
 5 8 Cleared up cool. A light frost.  
 6 9 Mr. Kelly advenit.<sup>1</sup> Dined at Mr. Kim-  
 ball's.<sup>2</sup>  
 7 10 Warm and some signs of rain.  
 1 11 Preached all day.  
 2 12 Nothing remarkable.  
 3 13 Capt. ——— from Newburyport bro<sup>t</sup> acc<sup>t</sup> y<sup>t</sup>  
 y<sup>e</sup> siege of Charleston was raised.<sup>3</sup>  
 4 14 Mr. Nath<sup>l</sup> Rogers arrived.  
 5 15 A moderate rain. Sat out about 140 cab-  
 bage plants.  
 6 16 Cleared up. There was but little rain.  
 7 17 Something cloudy. Sat out 150 cabbage  
 plants.

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1. Rev. William Kelly, minister of Warner from 1772 to 1801.

2. Deacon John Kimball.

3. May 12, 1780.

- 1 18 Preached both parts of y<sup>e</sup> day.  
 2 19 Sat out 150 cabbage plants.  
 3 20 Some signs of rain.  
 4 21 In y<sup>e</sup> night past we had a fine rain.  
 5 22 Cleared up pretty cool. Heard the news  
     that Charleston, S. C., was taken.  
 6 23 Warm, growing weather.  
 7 24 Set out some cabbage plants. EX287C  
 1 25 Preached. Baptized Robert — of Daniel  
     Hall.  
 2 26 Mr. Woodman<sup>1</sup> and wife advenit.  
 3 27 Visited at Dr. Green's.<sup>2</sup>  
 4 28 A fine rain. Mr. Rice<sup>3</sup> advenit.  
 5 29 Continued raining.  
 6 30 Heard the French fleet had got possession  
     of Halifax. Finished setting out cabbage  
     plants. Sat in y<sup>e</sup> whole about 500 or 600.  
     N. B. Agreed with y<sup>e</sup> Post Rider for half  
     a year's newspapers, beginning y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of  
     June and to end y<sup>e</sup> 21 of December.

Account of marriages in June.

- 1 D. Daniel Flood of Wear and Sarah Kimball of Concord.

JULY has 31 days.

- 7 1 Cleared up warm after a beautiful rain which  
     has mended the prospect of hay, very  
     much.  
 1 2 Preached. Baptized Sarah — of Stephen  
     Abbot.  
 2 3 A fine shower.

1. Rev. Joseph Woodman the minister of Sanbornton from 1771 to 1806.

2. Dr. Peter Green, who practiced medicine in Concord from 1772 to 1828.

3. Rev. Jacob Rice, minister of Henniker from 1769 to 1782.

- 3 4 Sat out for Henniker council. Dined at Mr. Fletcher's.<sup>1</sup> Lodged at Capt. How's.
- 4 5 Met y<sup>e</sup> other members of y<sup>e</sup> council at Mr. Rice's.
- 5 6 Prevailed with y<sup>e</sup> contending parties to submit their matter to a mutual council. Returned home.
- 6 7 A very hot day.
- 7 8 Mr. Hutchinson dined with me.
- 1 9 Preached. Baptized Jenny — of Asa Kimball.
- 2 10 Began to mow.
- 3 11 Cloudy. Rained a little.
- 4 12 Raked our hay y<sup>t</sup> was mowed Monday.
- 5 13 Carted 3 loads of hay.
- 6 14 Carted 4 loads of hay.
- 7 15 Cloudy. Signs of rain. Carted 3 loads of hay. Sally Walker<sup>2</sup> returned from Woburn and brought news of y<sup>e</sup> arrival of y<sup>e</sup> French fleet at Newport.
- 1 16 Preached. Propounded Stephen Hall and wife to own y<sup>e</sup> covenant.
- 2 17 Carted in y<sup>e</sup> last of clover, making 15 loads in y<sup>e</sup> whole.
- 3 18 A. M. A moderate rain. P. M. Cleared up.
- 4 19 A good hay day.
- 5 20 Visited at Mr. Harris's.
- 6 21 A cool morning, but a pleasant day.
- 7 22 Remained good hay weather.
- 1 23 Preached. Remained fair weather.
- 2 24 Do.
- 3 25 Do. A small shower in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon.

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1. Rev. Elijah Fletcher, minister of Hopkinton from 1773 to 1786.

2. Afterwards Mrs. Major Daniel Livermore.

- 4 26 Have had 3 or 4 of the hottest days this season.  
 5 27 Weather grew a little cooler.  
 6 28 Weather grew hot again.  
 7 29 Do.  
 1 30 Preached. Propounded the sacrament. Stephen Hall's wife owned y<sup>e</sup> covenant. Baptized Daniel — of Ezra Carter and Moses — of Stephen Hall.  
 2 31 Visited at daughter Thompson's.

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No marriages this month.

AUGUST has 31 days.

- 3 1 A very warm day.  
 4 2 Do. P. M. A smart thunder shower.  
 5 3 Began to reap winter rye.  
 6 4 Very hot. In y<sup>e</sup> evening a shower.  
 7 5 Carted 12 shocks of winter rye. P. M. A small thunder shower.  
 1 6 Preached. Sac. cel<sup>t</sup>. Baptized Amos — of Mr. Caleb Chase.<sup>1</sup>  
 2 7 Went on with reaping our rye.  
 3 8 Weather very hot about three days.  
 4 9 Nothing remarkable.  
 5 10 Finished winter rye harvest. Had about 51 shocks.  
 6 11 Weather extreme hot.  
 7 12 Mr. Rawson advenit.  
 1 13 Mr. Rawson preached for me.  
 2 14 Visited at Esq. Green's.<sup>2</sup> Finished summer rye harvest, about — shocks. Also stacked our flax.

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1. Caleb Chase was town clerk of Concord from 1787 to 1794.

2. Hon. Peter Green was Concord's first lawyer. He commenced practice there in 1767. He held important offices and died in 1798. He was supposed, at times, during the Revolution, to entertain Tory principles, and was consequently unpopular.

- 3 15 Continued very hot weather.  
 4 16 There has been 5 or 6 extreme hot days.  
 5 17 Matr<sup>o</sup> jux<sup>i</sup> John Straw and Mary Emerson,  
     both of Concord.  
 6 18 A very plentiful rain.  
 7 19 Post bro<sup>t</sup> news of a great mob in London.  
 1 20 Preached. Weather changed from extreme  
     hot to very cold for y<sup>e</sup> season.  
 2 21 Began to reap my Syberian wheat.  
 3 22 Finished reaping and carting y<sup>e</sup> Syberian  
     wheat, viz. : 32 shocks.  
 4 23 Extreme hot.  
 5 24 Continued y<sup>e</sup> same.  
 6 25 The air was cooled by a pleasant breeze.  
 7 26 Helped Dr. Goss<sup>1</sup> cart his hay.  
 1 27 Preached. Admitted Nathan Kinsman and  
     wife to full communion.  
 2 28 Our Androscoggin meeting was adjourned to  
     y<sup>e</sup> 8 of Sept. next.  
 3 29 Son Timothy sat out for Exeter.  
 4 30 Finished y<sup>e</sup> haying. Y<sup>e</sup> weather changed to  
     cold for y<sup>e</sup> season. There has been a long  
     spell of very hot weather.  
 5 31 Rained a little — — — N. B. 22d inst.  
     Sent £200 by y<sup>e</sup> Post to Henry Gardner,  
     Esq., for taxes for Waterford. 2d Sept.  
     Post bro<sup>t</sup> me Mr. Gardner's letter y<sup>t</sup> he had  
     received y<sup>e</sup> £200 which letter son Timothy  
     has in keeping.

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Account of marriages in August.

- 17 D. John Straw and Mary Emerson both of  
     Concord.

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1. Dr. Ebenezer Harnden Goss, who married Mr. Walker's daughter Mary in 1768. He removed to Brunswick, Me., and subsequently to Paris Me.

SEPTEMBER has 30 days.

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| 6 | 1  | Rained somewhat.                                                                                                          |
| 7 | 2  | Continued rainy weather.                                                                                                  |
| 1 | 3  | A pretty rainy day. Preached. Adminis-<br>tered y <sup>e</sup> sacrament.                                                 |
| 2 | 4  | Visited at Daughter Rolfe's.                                                                                              |
| 3 | 5  | Began picking peas.                                                                                                       |
| 4 | 6  | Heard y <sup>e</sup> news of y <sup>e</sup> re-enforcement of y <sup>e</sup><br>French fleet.                             |
| 5 | 7  | Matr <sup>o</sup> junx <sup>i</sup> Moses Hacket and Keziah Ladd,<br>both of Goffestown.                                  |
| 6 | 8  | Messrs. Sterns <sup>1</sup> — — Merrill dined here.                                                                       |
| 7 | 9  | Post brought little news. Spread our flax.                                                                                |
| 1 | 10 | Preached.                                                                                                                 |
| 2 | 11 | Visited with Daughter Thompson at Dr.<br>Goss's.                                                                          |
| 3 | 12 | Nothing remarkable.                                                                                                       |
| 4 | 13 | Married Nathan Holt and Sarah Thompson,<br>both of Bow.                                                                   |
| 5 | 14 | Our Androscoggin — — — sat out.                                                                                           |
| 6 | 15 | Pleasant weather.                                                                                                         |
| 7 | 16 | The Post brought no extraordinary news.                                                                                   |
| 1 | 17 | Mr. Fessenden preached for me.                                                                                            |
| 2 | 18 | Went up to Chandler's mill. Contoocook.                                                                                   |
| 3 | 19 | Visited at Mr. Harris's.                                                                                                  |
| 4 | 20 | Married William Walker and Eunice Stevens,<br>both of Concord. Made one barrel of<br>cider. Philip Abbot spread his flax. |
| 5 | 21 | Nothing remarkable.                                                                                                       |
| 6 | 22 | ———. Mr. Fletcher <sup>2</sup> advenit.                                                                                   |
| 7 | 23 | Nothing remarkable.                                                                                                       |
| 1 | 24 | Preached and propounded y <sup>e</sup> sacrament.                                                                         |
| 2 | 25 | Pleasant weather.                                                                                                         |
| 3 | 26 | Philip spread his flax. Mr. Welch adv <sup>t</sup> .                                                                      |

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1. Rev. Josiah Stearns, minister of Epping from 1758 to 1788.

2. Probably Rev. Elijah Fletcher of Hopkinton



- 4 27 A pleasant day.  
 5 28 Went out to Bow and married John Bayley  
 of Dunbarton and Margaret Hall of Bow.  
 6 29 Philip Abbot ——— our flax.  
 7 30 A pleasant day ends y<sup>e</sup> month.

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 Account of marriages in September.

- 7 D. Moses Hacket and Keziah Ladd, both of  
 Goffes Town.  
 13 D. Nathan Holt and Sarah Thompson, both  
 of Bow.  
 20 D. Will<sup>m</sup> Walker and Eunice Stevens, both  
 of Concord.  
 28 D. John Bayley of Dunbarton and Margaret  
 Hall of Bow.

OCTOBER has 31 days.

- 1 1 Preached. Administered y<sup>e</sup> sacrament. Bap-  
 tized Ebenezer — of John Farnum and  
 Naomi — of Ephraim Farnum, Junior.  
 2 2 Went to Flanders' mill with a team.  
 3 3 Tarried at home.  
 4 4 Tucker gathered the corn upon Cogswell's<sup>1</sup>  
 lot.  
 5 5 Took up our flax.  
 6 6 Finished picking apples.  
 7 7 Prince plowed at Hale's Point for winter  
 rye.  
 1 8 Preached all day.  
 2 9 Nothing extraordinary.  
 3 10 Visited Daughter Goss.  
 4 11 Sowed 4 bushels winter rye at Hale's Point.<sup>2</sup>

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1. The second lot in the Waternummon's Field in Concord.

2. Hale's Point, as may be seen by consulting the map of the Concord interval, found in the records of the proprietors, and also in Bouton's History of Concord, page 125, was in 1780 on the west side of the Merrimack river. It is now upon the east side, having been cut off by a freshet in January, 1828.

- 5 12 Married Bruce Walker and Mehitabel Courier,  
both of Concord.
- 6 13 Rained moderately.
- 7 14 Visited Mr. Hunt at Mr. Harris's.
- 1 15 Preached. Baptized Betty — of Nath<sup>l</sup> Currier.
- 2 16 Rained, and as we hear, snow up country.
- 3 17 Went on with Indian Harvest.
- 4 18 Began making cider. Made 6 barrels and  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- 5 19 Made 3 barrels water cider.<sup>1</sup>
- 6 20 The town was assembled to raise men to  
resist y<sup>e</sup> enemy at Cowos.
- 7 21 Finished making cider, having made 13  
barrels cider and upwards of 5 of water  
cider.
- 1 22 Preached. Baptized Hetty — of Maj<sup>r</sup> Jona-  
than Hale.
- 2 23 Visited at Daughter Thompson's.
- 3 24 Finished gathering corn.
- 4 25 Finished husking.
- 5 26 Visited at Mr. Harris's.
- 6 27 Visited at Daughter Goss's. A remarkable  
eclipse of the sun about noon.
- 7 28 Mr. Fletcher advenit in his way to Canter-  
bury.
- 1 29 Y<sup>e</sup> most plentiful rain we have had for a  
long time. Preached all day.
- 2 30 Went to Flanders' mill and to y<sup>e</sup> clothier.<sup>2</sup>
- 3 31 Went again to Flanders' mill.

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Account of marriages in October.

- 12 D. Bruce Walker and Mehitabel Courier,  
both of Concord.
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1. "Water cider" was a weak cider, made by watering the pumice, after the ordinary pressing. It was usually drank before that of the best quality.

2. Much of the woolen cloth worn at this time was spun and woven on the farm and dressed at a clothier's mill.

NOVEMBER has 30 days.

- 4 1 A cold snow storm. Snow fell about two inches.
- 5 2 Cleared up cold for y<sup>e</sup> season.
- 6 3 Continued cold.
- 7 4 The post brought no remarkable news.
- 1 5 Preached. Baptized John Bucklee — of Peter Green, Esq.
- 2 6 Continued cold.
- 3 7 Married Alexander Simpson of Wenham and Molly Rogers of Bow.
- 4 8 Returned home from Bow.
- 5 9 Married Jonathan Runnells and Dorothy Dinon, both of Concord.
- 6 10 Continued cold.
- 7 11 Post bro't considerable news both from y<sup>e</sup> Southward and from Europe.
- 1 12 Preached A. M. P. M. Mr. Sweat preached.
- 2 13 A light snow y<sup>t</sup> part covered y<sup>e</sup> ground.
- 3 14 Cleared up moderate.
- 4 15 Continued pleasant weather.
- 5 16 Do.
- 6 17 Do.
- 7 18 A. M. Set out for Hopkinton. Y<sup>e</sup> weather misty. P. M. Rained moderate.
- 1 19 Preached at Hopkinton. Mr. Fletcher preached for me A. M. P. M. Mr. Ward.<sup>1</sup> The most plentiful rain we have had for a long time. In y<sup>e</sup> evening went to Capt Page's.
- 2 20 A pleasant day. Returned home.
- 3 21 Do. The frost near out of y<sup>e</sup> ground.
- 4 22 Fell a snow about 6 inches deep.
- 5 23 Cleared up moderate. Visited at Mr. Harris's.

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1. Rev. Nathan Ward, minister of Plymouth from 1765 to 1798.

- 6 24 Moderate weather.  
 7 25 A considerable rain.  
 1 26 Preached all day.  
 2 27 Married Tappan Evans of Warner and  
 Abigail Merrill of Concord.  
 3 28 The post arrived, bro't the good news of the  
 arrival of y<sup>e</sup> French fleet off Georgia.  
 4 29 A summer-like day. Dug 10 bushels of  
 parsnips. Had dug 8 before.  
 5 30 Cloudy, dull weather ends y<sup>e</sup> month.

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Account of marriages in November.

- 7 D. Alexander Simpson of Wenham and  
 Molly Rogers of Bow.  
 9 D. Jonathan Runnells and Dorothy Dimond,  
 both of Concord.  
 27 D. Tappan Evans of Warner and Abigail  
 Merrill of Concord.

DECEMBER has 31 days.

- 6 1 A severe cold day begins y<sup>e</sup> month.  
 7 2 Continues very cold. Weather much y<sup>e</sup>  
 same.  
 1 3 Preached all day.  
 2 4 Visited down in town.  
 3 5 Weather very cold.  
 4 6 Nothing remarkable.  
 5 7 A continental annual Thanksgiving.  
 6 8 Worked upon my bridge.  
 7 9 Signs of foul weather.  
 1 10 A soaking rain. Preached all day.  
 2 11 Nothing remarkable.  
 3 12 Visited at Daughter Judith Rolfe's.  
 4 13 Visited at Daughter Thompson's and Major  
 Hale's.  
 5 14 Married Timothy Hall of Concord and Anna  
 Foster of Bow.

- 6 15 The post called here in his way to Boston.  
 7 16 Mr. Allen with one hand called here.  
 1 17 Preached. Baptized Hubbard Carter — of  
     Daniel Gale.  
 2 18 Wrote a petition to have our incorporation  
     mended.  
 3 19 A rainy day. Visited at Capt. Kins-  
     man's.  
 4 20 A cold day.  
 5 21 Visited at Mr. Harris's.  
 6 22 Very cold weather.  
 7 23 A moderate snow.  
 1 24 Continued snowing a little.  
 2 25 Snow fell about one foot deep.  
 3 26 Cleared up cold. Snow drifted.  
 4 27 Continued cold and windy.  
 5 28 West shod our oxen.  
 6 29 The first day of y<sup>e</sup> teams hauling wood out  
     y<sup>e</sup> woods.  
 7 30 Continued cold but not windy.  
 1 31 Weather moderate. Preached all day.

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Account of marriages in December.

- 14 D. Tim<sup>o</sup> Hall of Concord and Anna Foster of  
     Bow.



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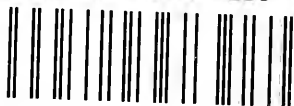
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